

7C GRAMMAR past simple: irregular verbs

a Complete the blog with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.



A MEMORABLE NEW YEAR'S EVE



This happened to me a couple of years ago. Some university friends and I wanted to celebrate New Year's Eve at the famous street party in Edinburgh. We ¹ knew (know) it ² _____ (be) difficult to get tickets for the party, but we ³ _____ (be) really lucky and ⁴ _____ (buy) some online six months before. On 31st December, we ⁵ _____ (get) a fast train from London.

We arrived in Edinburgh at 6.00 p.m. and walked from the station to our hotel. We relaxed, ⁶ _____ (have) dinner, and then ⁷ _____ (get) ready to go out. We ⁸ _____ (wear) warm clothes, because it ⁹ _____ (be) really cold. We ¹⁰ _____ (get) to the city centre at about 9.30 p.m. It ¹¹ _____ (be) wet and quite windy. We ¹² _____ (go) into the first warm bar we ¹³ _____ (find) and ¹⁴ _____ (drink) some whisky. At about 10.30 p.m., we ¹⁵ _____ (put on) our warm coats again and ¹⁶ _____ (go) back outside. The streets ¹⁷ _____ (be) nearly empty! Some people ¹⁸ _____ (say) 'The street party is cancelled because of the terrible weather.' We ¹⁹ _____ (not can) believe it! The weather ²⁰ _____ (not be) good, but it ²¹ _____ (feel) like a normal winter night in Scotland.

In the end, we ²² _____ (get) a taxi back to our hotel and ²³ _____ (spend) midnight in our rooms! We ²⁴ _____ (not have) a very happy New Year's Eve!



b Complete these questions about the blog.

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| 1 Where <u>did they buy</u> tickets for the party? | They bought tickets for the party online. |
| 2 Why _____ warm clothes? | Because it was really cold. |
| 3 What time _____ to the city centre? | They got there at about 9.30 p.m. |
| 4 What _____ the weather like? | It was wet and quite windy. |
| 5 What _____ in the bar? | They drank some whisky. |
| 6 What _____ at 10.30 p.m.? | They put on their coats and went outside. |
| 7 What _____ to them? | They said 'The street party is cancelled.' |
| 8 _____ a bus back to their hotel? | No, they didn't. They got a taxi. |
| 9 Where _____ midnight? | They spent midnight in their rooms. |
| 10 _____ a good time? | No, they didn't. |

ACTIVATION

Work with a partner. Cover the answers. Take turns to answer the questions. Then cover the questions and take turns to make the questions from the answers.

