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6 The natural world

Past simple: irregular verbs
Past simple: questions
Vocabulary: The natural world; Animals
Interaction 6: Taking turns

1 Geography lessons in Iceland

2 Thousands of people can't fly to Iceland

3 Students escape when volcano erupts

1 Read and listen

a Read the text quickly and choose the best title.

In April 2010, a group of 14 and 15-year-old students from Loughborough, in the UK, went to Iceland on a school trip. They wanted to see things they studied in their geography lessons at school so they visited an area which has a lot of active volcanoes. However, in the middle of the night on Tuesday the 13th of April the Eyjafjallajökull volcano began to erupt.

Emergency services woke up the students and their teachers in their hotel at 4am. They didn't have time to get dressed and left in their pyjamas. A bus took them to Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland, where they were safe.

When Eyjafjallajökull erupted, it affected people all over the world. In the local area 800 people left their homes immediately because of floods from local rivers and dangerous smoke and gases. The volcano also sent a big cloud of ash 8 km up into the air. This was dangerous for planes because the pilots couldn't see in the ash cloud.

Many countries in Europe, including the UK, France, Sweden and Norway, closed their airports for many days in April. Thousands of travellers around the world couldn't get home. They slept in airports or tried to get to their destinations by car, train, bus or even taxi!

Icelandic volcanoes are very active. When the volcano Laki erupted for eight months in 1783, almost two million people died around the world. It was the worst volcanic eruption in history. The students from Loughborough were lucky!

b 2.1 Read the text again and listen. Are the sentences *right* (✓), *wrong* (✗) or *doesn't say* (–)?

1 The students learned about volcanoes before they went to Iceland. ☐
2 They stayed near the Eyjafjallajökull volcano. ☐
3 The volcano woke up the students. ☐
4 The students enjoyed their trip to Iceland. ☐
5 The eruption of Eyjafjallajökull didn't affect local people. ☐
6 In April 2010 many airports closed in Europe. ☐
7 Volcanoes in Iceland do not erupt very often. ☐
8 The eruption of Laki in 1783 wasn't very big. ☐

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2 Grammar Past simple: irregular verbs

a Look at the examples and complete the table.

They didn't have time to get dressed. *A bus took them to Reykjavik*

Positive	**Negative**
I/You/He/She/It/We/They	I/You/He/She/It/We/They ..... **(did not) know**

Circle the correct words to complete the rules.

- The positive and the negative forms of the past simple are **the same** / **different** for all subjects.
- Irregular verbs **have** / **haven't** got the usual *-ed* ending in the past simple.

Grammar reference: Workbook page 90

b Find all the past simple verbs in the text in Exercise 1a. Which are regular? Which are irregular?

c Complete the sentences with the verbs in the past simple.

begin not have go have not know not say see tell

1 John and Lisa ..... to Bali on holiday last summer.
2 She ..... hello to me this morning.
3 I ..... the answers to the questions in my Maths exam.
4 We ..... breakfast at 9 o'clock this morning.
5 He ..... me about the party yesterday.
6 They're hungry because they ..... breakfast.
7 The concert ..... at 8 o'clock and finished two hours later.
8 We ..... a good film at the cinema last weekend.

d Complete the story. Use the verbs in the past simple.

Yesterday I ..... (get up) at ..... (*time*). I ..... (have) ..... (*food*) for breakfast. I ..... (go out) and I ..... (meet) ..... (*famous person*). He/She ..... (say) ..... (*a sentence*). We ..... (go) to ..... (*a place*) and we ..... (see) a/an ..... (*one word*).

e Now read your partner's story.

Check it out!

- We don't use *did* in positive sentences in the past simple.
  I went to the cinema NOT ~~*I did went to the cinema*~~.

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3 Vocabulary

The natural world

a 2.2 Match the words with the pictures. Then listen and check.

1 beach	**2** field	**3** forest	**4** hill
5 island	**6** lake	**7** mountain	
8 river	**9** sea	**10** village	

A B C

D E F

G H

I J

b Circle the correct words.

1 Britain is *a beach / an island*.
2 There's a new shop in the *village / lake*.
3 The Mediterranean and the Caribbean are *seas / rivers*.
4 We went on a boat on the *lake / field*.
5 The Andes in South America are *hills / mountains*.

c Which things in Exercise 3a are there near your town or city?

d Do you know any more things in the natural world? Write them down.

4 Speak

Work with a partner. Imagine you went on holiday to a place in one of the pictures in Exercise 3a. Tell your partner about your holiday. Use the verbs in the past simple.

swim	take	go	have	eat	see	make
play	ride	walk	visit	sleep	come	

I went on holiday to the mountains.
I swam in a lake and ate lots of fish.
We slept in a tent and made …

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5 Vocabulary

Animals

a 2.3 Match the words with the pictures. Then listen and check.

1 bear 2 bird
3 cow 4 dolphin
5 frog 6 monkey
7 mouse 8 penguin
9 spider 10 turtle

b 2.4 Listen to six sounds. Which animals in Exercise 5a are they?

c Make word webs with the animals in Exercise 5a. Can you add more animals to the word webs?

field — cow
sea — dolphin
forest — monkey
frog — lake
jungle — spider

6 Listen

a Look at the TV guide. What is *Amazing Animal Adventures* about?

1 animals in the circus ☐
2 animals in the jungle ☐
3 animals in the zoo ☐

b 2.5 Listen to an interview with Anna, Jake, Sita and Marcus. Circle the animals they talk about.

birds dolphins frogs
monkeys snakes spiders

c 2.5 Listen again and complete the sentences with the missing words.

1 Anna ..... a door for the monkey house.
2 They ..... the river dolphins.
3 They ..... in the forest.
4 Jake ..... a tarantula on his foot.
5 Sita ..... a frog.
6 Marcus ..... the jungle.

Amazing Animal Adventures
Wednesday 5.30pm–6 pm **BBC1**
This week Anna, Jake, Sita and Marcus help animals in the Amazon jungle and river.

Anna, 14, from Brighton

Jake, 14, from Belfast

Sita, 14, from Bradford

Marcus, 15, from Wiltshire

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7 Grammar Past simple: questions

a Look at the examples and complete the table.

A: ***Did*** *you* ***like*** *the jungle?* B: *Yes, I* ***did****.*
A: *Where* ***did*** *he* ***sleep****?* B: *He* ***slept*** *in the forest.*

***Yes/No* questions**

..... I/you/he/she/it/we/they | **like** the Amazon?

Short answers

Yes, I/You/He/She/It/We/They .....
No, I/You/He/She/It/We/They ..... **(did not)**.

Information questions

Where ..... I/you/he/she/it/we/they **sleep**?

Answers

I/You/He/She/It/We/They ..... in the forest.

Circle the correct word(s) to complete the rule.

- In past simple questions the verb forms are **the same** / **different** for all subjects (I/you/we/they/he/she/it), except for the verb *be* (*was/were*).

Grammar reference: Workbook page 90

Check it out!

Past time references

- Use *last* and *ago* to talk about the past.
  last *night/week/year/Saturday/June/summer*
  two hours/days/weeks/months ***ago***

b 2.6 Put the words in the correct order. Then listen and check.

1 you / did / go / Where / last / weekend ?
.....
2 Sunday / last / get up / you / When / did ?
.....
3 TV / last / night / Did / watch / you ?
.....
4 was / Who / your / last / year / English / teacher ?
.....
5 your / friends / school / at / yesterday / Were ?
.....
6 three / ago / hours / school / at / you / Were ?
.....

c Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions in Exercise 7b.

8 Pronunciation DVD

was: strong and weak forms

a 2.7 We can pronounce *was* /wəz/ or /wɒz/. Listen to the example.

Was *the weather good? Yes, it* ***was****.*
/wəz/ /wɒz/

b 2.8 Listen and circle the correct pronunciation of *was*.

1 /wəz/ /wɒz/	2 /wəz/ /wɒz/
3 /wəz/ /wɒz/	4 /wəz/ /wɒz/
5 /wəz/ /wɒz/	6 /wəz/ /wɒz/

c 2.9 Listen and repeat.

Where was William? Was he with you? No, he wasn't.

Interaction 6 DVD

Taking turns

a 2.10 Listen and tick (✓) the correct year.

2008 ☐ 2010 ☐ 2012 ☐

b 2.10 Listen again and put the sentences in the correct order.

A Can you repeat that, please? ☐
B I don't know how to say it. ☐
C OK. My turn. ☐
D Let's start. ☐
E Er, just a minute. ☐
F Can you spell that, please? ☐
G When did they go? ☐

c Work with a partner.

Student A: Turn to page 121.
Student B: Turn to page 123.

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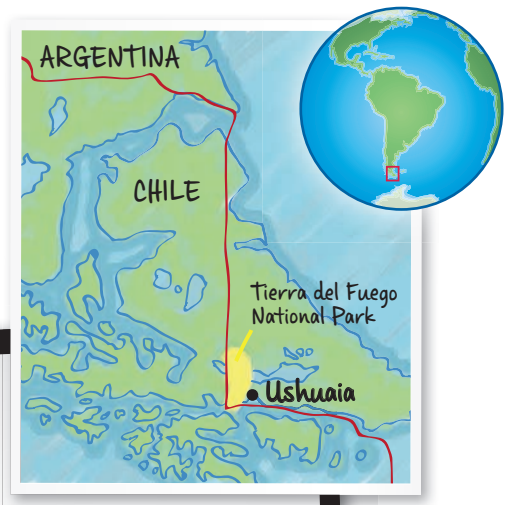
Portfolio 6

A travel diary

a Read Rebecca's travel diary. What animals did she see in Patagonia?



Tuesday, 9 July
Today Im in Ushuaia, a City in patagonia in Argentina.

Patagonias a very big area in the south of argentina and Chile. There are beautiful mountains, lakes, forests and lots of animals. It's cold here because its winter at the moment!

thursday, 11 July
yesterday we went to a national park called Tierra del Fuego. We walked through a big forest near the mountains and we had lunch next to a river.

Friday, 12 july
This afternoon we went to the sea and saw sea elephants and penguins, but we didnt see any dolphins. It was great!

Sea elephants

Patagonia

b Read the diary again. Find and correct ten mistakes with punctuation and capital letters.

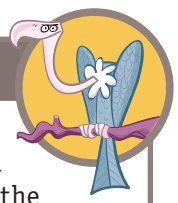
Im = I'm

c Write a travel diary (about 80 words) about a place you visited last year. Before you write, think about:

- the place you went to
- the things you saw (mountains, lakes, animals, etc.)
- the things you did

d Swap your travel diary with a partner. Check your partner's punctuation and capital letters.

Culture Vulture



Did you know that there are 14 national parks in Britain, for example Snowdonia and the Lake District? What national parks are there in your country?

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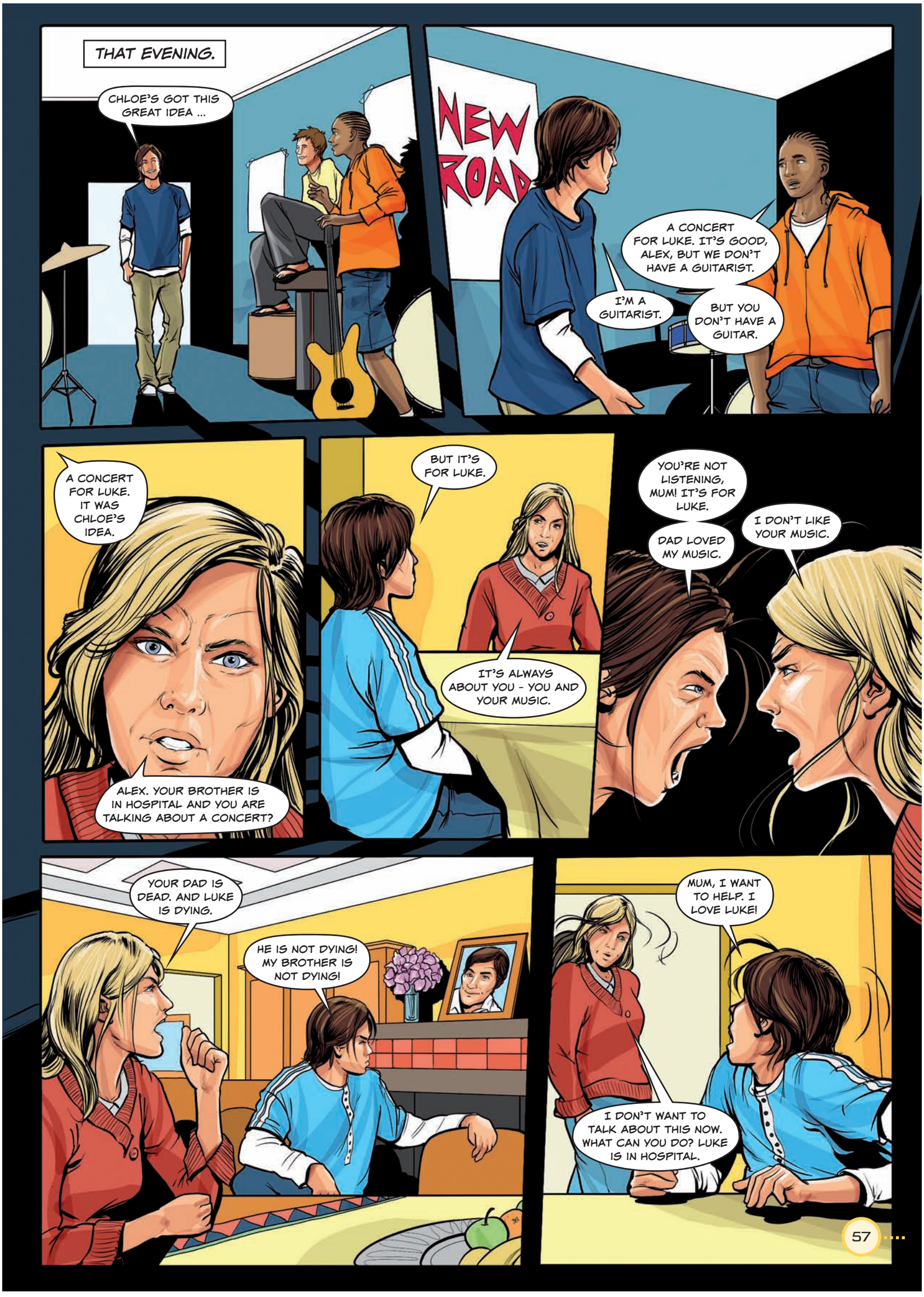

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Review 5 and 6

1 Grammar

a Circle the correct words.

1 Marilyn Monroe *was / were* a famous actress.
2 Pablo Picasso and Salvador Dalí *was / were* both Spanish artists.
3 Heath Ledger *wasn't / weren't* American but he lived in New York.
4 The Spice Girls *wasn't / weren't* called The Spice Girls in 1994. Their name was Touch.

4

b Complete the sentences with the verbs in the past simple.

live study not play enjoy watch not like

1 They ..... Portuguese for five years at school.
2 I ..... coffee when I was a child, but I like it now.
3 We ..... a good programme on TV last night.
4 I ..... in France last year.
5 She ..... basketball yesterday.
6 I really ..... the concert last night. It was great!

6

c Complete the sentences with the verbs in the past simple.

1 We ..... (ride) our bicycles to the beach.
2 They ..... (go) on holiday to Greece in June.
3 I ..... (not eat) pizza every day when I was in Italy. There was a lot of different food.
4 Jack ..... (swim) a lot in the hotel pool.
5 We ..... (not know) that the sea was dangerous.
6 They ..... (take) a lot of photos of the mountains.
7 She ..... (see) a lot of tropical fish in the sea.
8 I ..... (not speak) much Spanish when I was in Mexico.

8

d Complete the questions with the verbs in the past simple.

play watch get up be born go see

1 ..... he ..... his new computer game yesterday?
2 ..... The Beatles ..... in London?
3 Where ..... your family ..... on holiday?
4 Who ..... you ..... yesterday?
5 ..... they ..... TV last night?
6 What time ..... you ..... last Saturday?

6

e Complete the biography of Elvis Presley. Choose the correct answer: A, B or C.

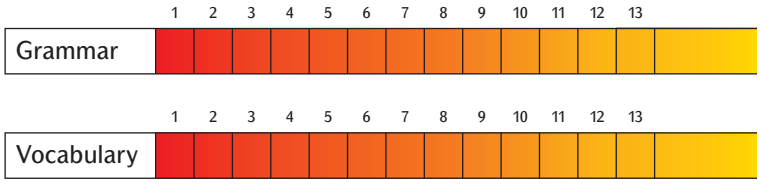
Elvis Presley, 'the king of Rock and Roll', [1] ..... the most popular singer of the 1950s. He was [2] ..... in Mississippi in 1935, but later his parents [3] ..... to Memphis and he [4] ..... to school there. When he was nineteen he made his first record and soon he [5] ..... famous all over the world. He [6] ..... a lot of records – more than any other artist.

1	**A** is	**B** was	**C** were
2	**A** born	**B** lived	**C** borned
3	**A** lived	**B** stayed	**C** moved
4	**A** goes	**B** went	**C** was
5	**A** became	**B** become	**C** becomes
6	**A** sing	**B** made	**C** makes

6

How are you doing?

How many points have you got? Put two crosses on the chart: one for grammar and one for vocabulary.



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2 Vocabulary

a Circle the correct words.

1 She *is / has got* blue eyes.
2 He's *long / tall* and slim.
3 I've got *small / short* hair.
4 He *is / has* 20 years old.
5 They've got *long / tall* hair and brown eyes.
6 She had *blonde / grey* hair when she was a child.
7 She's got long *hair / hairs*.

7

b Complete the sentences with the words.

model photographer actor musician dancer writer artist

1 A ..... uses a camera.
2 A ..... plays or writes music.
3 An ..... works in films.
4 A ..... often appears in magazines.
5 An ..... paints pictures.
6 A ..... writes books.
7 A ..... often works for a ballet company.

7

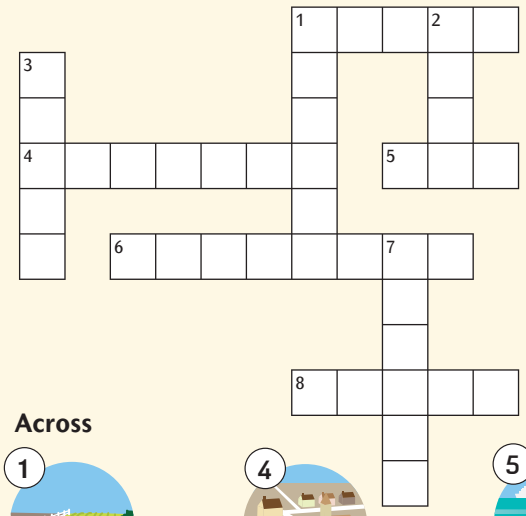
c Match the animals with the sentences.

cow monkey frog penguin mouse spider dolphin

1 It's very small and doesn't like cats.
.....
2 It is small, usually green and lives in water.
.....
3 It's a bird that lives in cold seas. .....
4 It lives in a field and gives milk. .....
5 It usually lives in trees. .....
6 It has got eight legs. .....
7 It's big and grey and lives in the sea.
.....

7

d Complete the crossword. Use the clues to help you.



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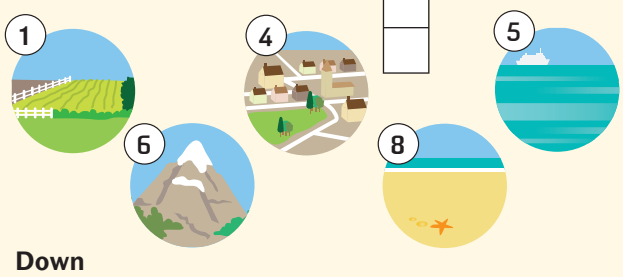

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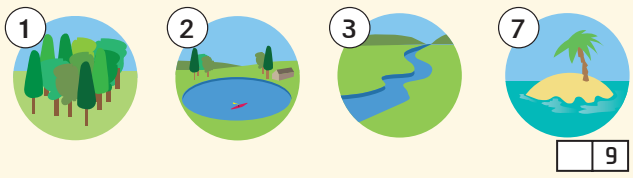

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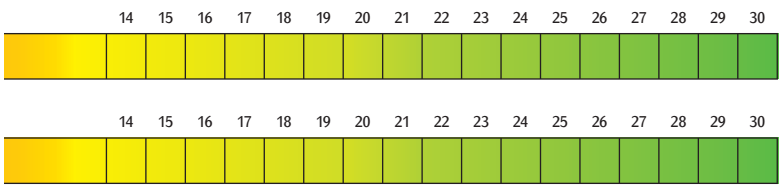
GREEN: Great! Tell your teacher your score!
YELLOW: Not bad, but go to the website for extra practice.
RED: Talk to your teacher and look at Units 5 and 6 again. Go to the website for extra practice.



Correct it!

Correct these typical learner errors from Units 5 and 6.

1 It's got a big eyes and long hair.
.....
2 The group only plaid for 35 minutes.
.....
3 Last night there were a party on the beach.
.....
4 I went and watch a film with her.
.....
5 I swimmed in a lake.
.....
6 Tony cames to my party.
.....
7 I saw it about 6 month ago.
.....
8 Do you liked the party last weekend?
.....
9 She did went to the cinema.
.....
10 It happened the last year, in the Olympics.
.....

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