UNIT 3

1 Language focus

Past Simple regular verbs

Complete the interview with an international photographer. Use the Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

INTERVIEWER Anne-Marie Colville is a photographer, and she travels all over the world. Anne-Marie, tell us about your work.

ANNE-MARIE Well, you’re right, I travel a lot. Last month, for example, I worked (work) in three different parts of Africa.

INTERVIEWER Which places (visit) you (visit) 2 (visit)?

ANNE-MARIE I (start) (start) in Cape Town. My agency (need) some pictures of a big, international meeting.

INTERVIEWER How long (stay) you (stay) (stay) (stay) 5 (stay) there?

ANNE-MARIE Five days.

INTERVIEWER (return) you (return) 6 (return) to Paris?

ANNE-MARIE Well, I (arrive) (arrive) at the airport, but then the agency (call) (call) me. They (want) pictures of a national park in Kenya.

INTERVIEWER (agree) you (agree) 10 (agree) to go?

ANNE-MARIE Sure. I just (change) (change) my flight. It was a nice job. The pictures were good too.

INTERVIEWER So what then?

ANNE-MARIE Then the agency (suggest) (suggest) another African job. That was a trip to Addis Ababa for some pictures of the great Ethiopian runner, Haile Gebrselassie.
2 Past Simple regular and irregular verbs

Complete the magazine article. Use the Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

HAILE GEBRSELASSIE:
A MAN WITH TWO CHALLENGES

Haile grew (grow) up on a small farm in the mountains of Ethiopia. The long run to school every day helped (help) to make him the world’s best distance runner. At sixteen years old, he ran (run) his first important marathon. At seventeen, he went (go) to live with his older brother in the capital, Addis Ababa. There, he began (begin) training full-time.

A few months later, in 1991, Ethiopia chose (choose) Haile to run for his country. The next year, he became (become) the world junior champion at 5,000 and 10,000 metres. The year after that, he won (win) again – as a senior. That made (make) him a national hero and an international superstar.

During the 1990s, he broke (break) many records – mostly his own! In 2003, at the age of twenty-nine, he still has (have) the power to break the two-mile world record.

Early in the 1990s, Haile accepted (accept) a very different challenge. Ethiopia is a poor country, with a lot of unemployment. Haile decided (decide) to use money from his running to help his country. He opened (open) a café and a construction company with his brothers. These businesses created (create) jobs for 300 people. He was very happy and very proud.

3 Past time expressions

Give true answers to these questions. Use the time expressions in the box.

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1 When did you last do some exercise?

Yesterday, I played a game of tennis. / The night before last, I went running for an hour. / Last weekend, I did some training at the gym.

2 When did you last have a holiday?

3 When did you last see a good film at the cinema?

4 When did you last go to a concert?

5 When did you last listen to the radio?

6 When did you last read a good book?