

Activity Type

Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity, pair work

Focus

Past simple 'Wh' questions

Aim

To write and then ask past simple 'Wh' questions in order to complete a text.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two worksheets for each pair of students.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this past simple questions activity, students write and then ask past simple 'Wh' questions in order to complete a text.

Procedure

Divide the class into two groups (A and B). Give each student a corresponding A or B worksheet. Working together with the people in their group, students write down the past simple 'Wh' questions they need to find out the missing information in their text.

When they have finished, check the questions with each group. Next, have the students pair up with someone from the other group (Student A and B). Sit the students back to back, so they can't look at each other's worksheet.

The students take it in turns to ask and answer questions in numerical order to find out the missing information. The students write the information in the blank spaces in the text on their worksheet.

When the students have asked all their questions, they check their answers and spelling by comparing texts.

Complete text:

Mr. and Mrs. Williams went to **Thailand** last month for their **honeymoon**. They stayed there for **three weeks**. First, they flew to **Bangkok**. They stayed there for **4 days**. They really liked the city because **the people were very friendly**. They visited the **Grand Palace** and went to **many temples**. In the evenings, they went shopping in **the markets** and ate **tom yam kung**.

After that, they went to **Chiang Mai**. They thought this city was **very peaceful**. They went to Doi Suthep temple **three** times because **it was such a beautiful place to visit**. They stayed in a **hotel** in the old city. They went to many **cafes** and often drank **iced coffee**.

Finally, Mr. and Mrs. Williams went to **Phuket**. Every day they went **to the beach** and took **many photos**. They went on a **boat trip** and visited **other tropical islands**. They loved staying in Phuket but soon they had to go home.

At the airport, they bought a lot of **souvenirs** and they also purchased some **bottles of wine**. They want to return to Thailand again next year.

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Possible questions

Student A

1. Where did Mr. and Mrs. Williams go for their honeymoon?
2. How long did they stay there?
3. Where did they fly to first?
4. Where did they visit?
5. Where did they go shopping?
6. Where did they go after that?
7. How many times did they go to Doi Suthep temple?
8. Where did they stay in the old city?
9. What did they often drink?
10. Where did they go every day?
11. What did they go on?
12. What did they buy at the airport?

Student B

1. Why did Mr. and Mrs. Williams go to Thailand?
2. How long did they stay in Bangkok?
3. Why did they like the city?
4. Where did they go?
5. What did they eat in the evenings?
6. What did they think of Chiang Mai?
7. Why did they go to Doi Suthep temple three times?
8. Where did they go many times?
9. Where did they go after Chiang Mai?
10. What did they take?
11. Where did they visit?
12. What did they also purchase at the airport?

Student A

Mr. and Mrs. Williams went to (1) last month for their honeymoon. They stayed there for (2) First, they flew to (3) They stayed there for 4 days. They really liked the city because the people were very friendly. They visited the (4) and went to many temples. In the evenings, they went shopping in (5) and ate tom yam kung.



After that, they went to (6) They thought this city was very peaceful. They went to Doi Suthep temple (7) times because it was such a beautiful place to visit. They stayed in (8) in the old city. They went to many cafes and often drank (9)

Finally, Mr. and Mrs. Williams went to Phuket. Every day they went (10) and took many photos. They went on (11) and visited other tropical islands. They loved staying in Phuket but soon they had to go home.

At the airport, they bought a lot of (12) and they also purchased some bottles of wine. They want to return to Thailand again next year.

A. Read the text. Write the past simple 'Wh' questions you need to find out the missing information.

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B. Now, work with a partner. Ask your questions and complete the text.

Student B

Mr. and Mrs. Williams went to Thailand last month for their
 (1) They stayed there for three weeks. First, they
 flew to Bangkok. They stayed there for (2) They
 really liked the city because (3) They visited the
 Grand Palace and went to (4) In the evenings, they
 went shopping in the markets and ate (5)



After that, they went to Chiang Mai. They thought this city was (6)
 They went to Doi Suthep temple three times because (7) They stayed
 in a hotel in the old city. They went to many (8) and often drank iced
 coffee.

Finally, Mr. and Mrs. Williams went to (9) Every day they went to the
 beach and took (10) They went on a boat trip and visited
 (11) They loved staying in Phuket but soon they had to go home.

At the airport, they bought a lot of souvenirs and they also purchased some
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