

### 3 LISTENING

a **1 34**) You are going to listen to Mia and Linda talking about their vacations. First listen to Mia. Does she agree with Joe about the vacation?

b Listen again. What does Mia say about...?

- 1 her relationship with Joe before they went
- 2 the places where they stayed
- 3 talking to other travelers
- 4 photos
- 5 going on vacation with a boyfriend

c **1 35**) Now listen to Linda. What's her opinion of the vacation? Then listen again. What does she say about...?

- 1 Costa Rica
- 2 what they did there
- 3 the cost of her vacation
- 4 her next vacation

d Who do you sympathize with most, Joe or Mia? Laura or Linda?

### 4 GRAMMAR simple past: regular and irregular verbs

a What is the simple past of these verbs? Are they regular or irregular? Check your answers in **Joe's** text.

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|----------------|------------------|
| go _____       | begin _____      |
| spend _____    | leave _____      |
| want _____     | be _____ / _____ |
| stay _____     | think _____      |
| know _____     | argue _____      |
| sunbathe _____ | take _____       |

b Now underline the simple past  verbs in **Laura's** text. What are the base forms?



c Find and underline two simple past  verbs in the two texts. How do you make  and  in the simple past...?

- with normal verbs
- with *was / were*
- with *could*

d **p.128 Grammar Bank 2A.** Learn more about the simple past and practice it.

### 5 PRONUNCIATION regular verbs: -ed endings

a **1 37**) Listen and repeat the sentences.

 tie	We booked <b>ed</b> a vacation. We walked <b>ed</b> around the town.
 dog	We sunbath <b>ed</b> on the beach. We argu <b>ed</b> about everything.
/ɪd/	We rent <b>ed</b> a house. We decid <b>ed</b> to break up.

b Say the simple past of these verbs. In which ones is *-ed* pronounced /ɪd/?

arrive ask end invite like love need park start stay

c **1 38**) Listen and check.



#### Regular simple past verbs

Remember that we don't usually pronounce the e in *-ed*. The *-ed* ending is usually pronounced /t/ or /d/. The difference between these endings is very small.

We only pronounce the e in *-ed* when there is a **t** or a **d** before it, e.g., *wanted, ended*. With these verbs *-ed = /ɪd/*.

### 6 SPEAKING

- a Look at **Your last vacation** below. What are the questions?
- b Think about your answers to the questions.

#### YOUR LAST VACATION

- 1 Where / go?
- 2 When / go?
- 3 Who / go with?
- 4 Where / stay?
- 5 What / the food like?
- 6 What / the weather like?
- 7 What / do during the day?
- 8 What / do at night?
- 9 / have a good time?
- 10 / have any problems?



c Work in pairs. Ask your partner about his / her vacation. Show interest in what he / she says and ask for more information. Then change roles.



#### Useful language for showing interest

- Really? Wow! Fantastic! Great! etc.
- Oh, no! How awfull etc.
- Was it expensive? Why? What happened? etc.