Complete the dialogues with the past simple of the verbs in brackets.

1 A Susan! You're back! How was (be) it?
   B No. It was (be) awful.
   A Why? What happened?
   B We stayed (stay) in a really boring hotel, and James thought (think) the city was dangerous at night so we didn't (not go) out much in the evening.
   A What did you do (do) during the day? You went (go) sightseeing?
   B Yes, we saw (see) all the famous things, but we spent (spend) a lot of money in restaurants. And James bought (buy) very expensive souvenirs for all his family! I didn't (not buy) anything.

2 A Is this your first time in England?
   B No, I had (have) a holiday in Liverpool two years ago.
   A Really? I know Liverpool! Where did you stay (stay)?
   B We stayed (stay) at a hotel near the train station. I can't remember the name.
   A When were you in Liverpool?
   B Really? What did you study (study)?
   A Hotel Management. But I didn't like (not like) it much.
   B Why did you not like (not like) it?
   A It was boring, I left (leave) after the first year.

3 A What's the problem?
   B Somebody took (take) my clothes and my bag when I was in the sea!
   A When did this happen (happen)?
   B Well, I arrived (arrive) at the beach at nine o'clock this morning and I went (go) for a swim at about ten.
   A Did you see (see) the person take your bag?
   B No. When did my bag not be (not be) there?
   A Did you have (have) anything valuable in your bag?
   B Yes! My mobile phone, my credit cards...
a) Look at the pictures and write the sentences. Use the past simple and past continuous.

1. They **were playing** golf when it **started** to rain. (play, start)
2. His mobile **rang** when he **drove**. (ring, drive)
3. We **heard** the news when we **sat** in Corsica. (hear, sunbathe)
4. He **looked** at the tower when someone **took** his bag. (look, take)
5. I **had** a coffee when I **saw** her. (have, see)
6. She **had** an accident when she **walked** to the shops. (see, walk)

b) Complete the story with the past simple or past continuous of the verbs in brackets.

When Alex Jones **arrived** at JFK International airport she **looked** around but she **did not see** anybody there to meet her. A lot of people **held** cards with names on them, but they **did not wait** for her. She **did not know** what to do, but it **was** a beautiful, sunny day so she **decided** to go to the hotel on her own.

She **went** outside and **looked** for a taxi. A lot of people **waited** to catch the airport bus into New York. The bus **stopped** in Manhattan, quite near her hotel, and she **got off**.

She **walked** into the hotel and **gave** her name, Alexandra Jones. She **talked** to the hotel receptionist when suddenly a man **ran** up to her. He **carried** a card which **said** 'Mr Jones'.

'Ms Jones? I'm terribly sorry! I **waited** for you at the airport but I **thought** you **were** a man!'

'That's OK,' **said** Alex. 'It happens to me all the time!'
Make questions using the present simple or past simple. Then circle the correct answer.

1. Who / write / Pride and Prejudice
   *Who wrote Pride and Prejudice?*  
   _Jane Austen_ / Charles Dickens

2. Where / come from / Manga comics
   *Where do Manga comics come from?*  
   Japan / China

3. Where / die / John Lennon
   *Where did John Lennon die?*  
   Los Angeles / New York

4. Which country / win / the 2002 World Cup
   *Which country won the 2002 World Cup?*  
   Germany / Brazil

5. When / end / the Vietnam War
   *When did the Vietnam War end?*  
   1963 / 1975

6. Who / invent / the electric light bulb
   *Who invented the electric light bulb?*  
   Thomas Edison / Alexander Bell

7. Who / direct / the Star Wars films
   *Who directed the Star Wars films?*  
   Steven Spielberg / George Lucas

8. When / walk on the moon / the first man
   *When did the first man walk on the moon?*  
   1969 / 1970

9. Where / live / polar bears
   *Where do polar bears live?*  
   the North Pole / the South Pole

10. Which actor / play / Spiderman
    *Which actor played Spiderman?*  
    Toby Maguire / Orlando Bloom

11. How many countries / belong to / the United Nations
    *How many countries belong to the United Nations?*  
    127 / 191

12. Which machine / invent / Marconi / in 1895
    *Which machine did Marconi invent in 1895?*  
    the television / the radio

13. Who / marry / Tom Cruise in 1990
    *Who married Tom Cruise in 1990?*  
    Penelope Cruz / Nicole Kidman

14. When / Nelson Mandela / become president of South Africa
    *When did Nelson Mandela become president of South Africa?*  
    1964 / 1994

15. Which country / have / a red, white, and blue flag
    *Which country has a red, white, and blue flag?*  
    Russia / Germany

**b Test your memory.** Cover the questions. Look at the answers. Can you remember the questions?
a Match the sentence halves and underline the correct word, so, because, but, or although.

1 We wanted to visit the museum
2 I took off my jacket
3 They didn’t have much money
4 I didn’t study
5 He’s an intelligent student
6 They couldn’t get on the bus
7 She didn’t go to bed
8 The beach looks beautiful
9 It was a very expensive restaurant
10 It was raining

a so / but I failed the exam.
b because / although the water is very dirty.
c but / so we didn’t go to the park.
d because / although it was very hot inside.
e because / although she was very tired.
f so / but the food wasn’t very nice.
g but / so we couldn’t find it on the map.
h although / because it was too crowded.
i because / but he’s very lazy.
j so / because they didn’t buy any souvenirs.

b Complete the story with so, because, but, or although.

One night in Rio

Julian Black was a very famous singer, but he was also very lonely. In the evenings, if he wasn’t playing a concert, he was usually at home alone, watching television and reading. He knew a lot of people, he didn’t have any friends. Everybody knew Julian Black the singer, nobody knew the real man.

It was November and Julian was on a world tour with his band. They were in Rio de Janeiro. After the concert, Julian felt very tired, he went back to his hotel. He was wearing his sunglasses and hat, he didn’t want people to recognize him. He got into the lift with a young woman. She looked at him, she didn’t say anything. The lift started going up.

A moment later the lift stopped. Julian and the woman waited, nothing happened. Julian pressed the emergency button, it didn’t work. Julian looked at the woman, ‘What do we do now?’ he asked. They were both very worried.

Julian took off his hat and sunglasses. They began to talk together while they were waiting. ’What’s your name?’ asked the woman. ’Julian,’ answered Julian. He was surprised, she didn’t know who he was. It was a nice feeling. They talked about books and television shows.

An hour later, the lift started working again. Julian got off at his floor, ‘Maybe I can see you again?’ he asked. ‘That would be nice,’ said the woman. Julian went back to his room. He was very tired, he couldn’t sleep. He felt very happy. His life was about to change.