Language quiz

Now let’s practise what you learned in the live lesson! Can you fill in the gaps with the correct irregular past simple verb?

Here’s an example to help you:

I _____ learning English last year. (begin)

Answer

I began learning English last year.

1. Enzo ____ a solo in the concert. (sing)
2. He ____ me how to spell when I was a child. (teach)
3. I ____ about changing jobs but decided not to. (think)
4. Sorry, I ____ to tell you about the change of time. (mean)
5. We ____ so proud when our son won the prize. (feel)
6. My sister ____ me borrow her dress for yesterday’s party. (let)
7. We ____ a few hours working on the project. (spend)
8. Amanda ____ sandwiches to the picnic. (bring)

Well done! Now you can check your answers at the bottom of the next page.
Speaking and writing practice

Now it’s time to practise writing and speaking with a friend! Choose 1 verb from each of the 5 columns in the table and make a story using the past simple.

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Example
I felt happy when my friend brought a huge cake to my house. She spent £10 on it. We cut it into 8 pieces to save some for later but we ate it all!

Now share your story with a friend! To make it harder, choose the verbs for each other before you begin writing!

Answers to exercise on page 1
1. Enzo sang a solo in the concert.
2. He taught me how to spell when I was a child.
3. I thought about changing jobs but decided not to.
4. Sorry, I meant to tell you about the change of time.
5. We felt so proud when our son won the prize.
6. My sister let me borrow her dress for yesterday’s party.
7. We spent a few hours working on the project.
8. Amanda brought sandwiches to the picnic.