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**Exercises**

**Exercise 1:** read the text and answer the questions

Jamaica is a large island in the Caribbean Sea. Nearly a million tourists visit the island every year to relax in the sun and swim in the clear blue sea.

For tourists, the island is a paradise, but for most Jamaican people life is hard. There are very few jobs, except in the tourist industry.

Jamaica is also famous for reggae music.

Chilli’s friend Della was on holiday in Jamaica. Read her letter to Chilli and complete it with the correct verbs.

\* invited \* stopped \* talked \* stayed \* travelled \* enjoyed

\* didn’t sleep \* didn’t get \* watched \* was \* listened

Dear Chilli,

I had a fantastic holiday in Jamaica. It was hot and the sea was blue and lovely.

I ……………… by plane from London to Kingston. I really ……………….. the flight. It was eight hours long but I …………………..at all because I …………………. so excited. During the flight I ………………….. to music, ………………….. a film and ……………….

to the girl in the seat next to me.

I …………………… with my aunt and uncle in Kingston. They …………………. me on a trip to Montego Bay. We …………………. at an Orchid Farm. It was brilliant. On my last night there I …………………… to bed until there o’clock in the morning!

See you soon!

Love,

Della

Answer the questions:

* 1. Did she go to Jamaica?
  2. How did she go to Kingston?
  3. How was the weather?
  4. What did she do on the plane?
  5. Did she visit her grandparents?
  6. Did she like the Orchid Farm?
  7. When did she go to bed on her last night?
  8. Where is Jamaica?
  9. What do the tourists do in Jamaica?
  10. How is the life for Jamaican people?

**Exercise2:** Complete these sentences in the past tense, using the correct verb:

\* play \* enjoy \* watch \* listen \* talk \* phone

\* stop \* walk \* travel \* like \* stay

I watched the late film on TV last night.

1. We really ………………….. the concert last night. It was great!
2. She ………………… with friends in Brighton last summer.
3. Italy ………………… very well in the last World Cup.
4. Her parents ………………….. by train from Shanghai to Moscow.
5. I ………………….. you four times last night but you were out.
6. We …………………. along the beach yesterday. It was lovely.
7. She …………………. the film but she didn’t like the music.
8. The men ………………….. work at exactly one o’clock.
9. I ……………………. to the new Sting album yesterday. It’s great.
10. They ………………… to us about their trip to Madagaskar. It was very interesting.

**Exercise 3:** The following sentences are taken from Living Geography Book 1A published by Addison Wesley Longman China Limited. Fill in the blanks with the simple past form of the verbs in brackets. e.g. He did not go to school yesterday because he was sick. (not go, be)

1. The British \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Hong Kong in 1842 because they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to find a good port for trade with China. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Victoria Harbour very useful. It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ large and deep enough for the ships of that time. And it was protected from strong winds and typhoons by the surrounding hills. Therefore, the British \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to build the city along the northern shore of Hong Kong Island. (come, want, find, be, begin)

2. Compared with the market towns in the New Territories, Central \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more accessible. At that time, business people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their goods mainly by sea. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sea transport \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ convenient in this area. So, they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their offices and warehouses around Victoria Harbour. It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the most accessible part of the city. (be, import, export, find, be, build, become)

3. As more and more offices and houses were built, land was not enough. The CBD therefore \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Wan Chai and across the harbour to Tsim Sha Tsui on the Kowloon Peninsula. Also, the government \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to reclaim the sea around Victoria Harbour to get more land. (expand, begin)

4. To help solve these problems, the Hong Kong government in 1988 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Hong Kong Land Development Corporation. (establish)

5. It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ increasingly difficult to find enough space in the old urban areas to house the ever-growing population of Hong Kong. So the government of Hong Kong \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the New Town Development Programme in 1973. Its aim \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to build new urban areas in the New Territories so that more people could live there. (become, start, be)