

# EXERCISES:THE SIMPLE PAST TENSE.

## Lesson 2 » Amazing People

1. Complete the biography of Rosa Parks with the past tense form of the verbs from the box.

arrest attend be (x2) die give have leave live receive refuse start

Rosa Parks <sup>1</sup> was an incredible African-American civil rights activist who <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ born in Alabama, USA in 1913. Rosa <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ school but stopped studying as a young teenager to look after her grandmother. As a child Rosa experienced discrimination because of her skin colour and <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in constant fear of terrible groups like the Klu Klux Klan.



At the time, laws in America were very racist and black people <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to sit in separate areas on buses away from white people.

On December 1, 1955, Rosa <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to give up her seat to a white man. The police <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Rosa for civil disobedience and fined her \$10. Her arrest <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ one of the largest and most successful movements against racial segregation in history and <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ her an iconic status in American culture.

Over the years, Rosa <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ many awards for her activism, including the prestigious Martin Luther King Jr. award and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Rosa <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in 2005, but <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ us with this message: 'I believe we are here on the planet Earth to live, grow up and do what we can to make this world a better place for all people to enjoy freedom.'

2. Use the information in the text to answer the questions. Write full sentences.

### Yes/No Questions

1. Was Rosa Parks a white civil rights activist?

No, she wasn't. She was an African-American civil rights activist.

2. Did Rosa Parks have an easy childhood?

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3. Was Rosa Parks arrested in 1913?

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4. Was the movement against racial segregation successful?

\_\_\_\_\_

### Wh- Questions

5. When was Rosa Parks born?

She was born in 1913.

6. Why was Rosa Parks arrested?

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7. When did Rosa Parks die?

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8. What did Rosa Parks leave us with?

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## Lesson 3 » This Is My Story

1. Read the blog and match the activities with the photos.

### Carolina's Travel Blog

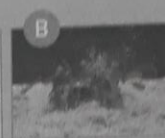


Name: Carolina G.

Date of birth: 8 June, 2001

From: Bogotá, Colombia

Holiday Destination: San Gil, Colombia



Last week we went to San Gil in Santander, Colombia and we had an awesome time. We stayed at the hotel 'Balcony on the River' which was fine. It wasn't the best hotel I have stayed at, but I liked it. On Monday I went white water rafting (<sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ ) and it was fantastic. We were tired after that, so in the afternoon we slept in a hammock.

On Tuesday we visited the *Parque Gallineral*. The trees that we saw there were incredible. We sat under them and meditated (<sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ ). It was such a wonderful feeling to be connected to nature.

Wednesday was our last day, so we relaxed and walked around the city. We went to the square and ate goat meat in a beautiful restaurant (<sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ ).

I definitely recommend San Gil to anyone who loves nature and wants to have a relaxing holiday away from the busy city.

48 people reacted to this.

2. Read the answers and then complete the questions.  
Use the blog entry from exercise 1 to help you.

1. Where did Carolina \_\_\_\_\_ on last week?  
She went to San Gil.
2. What \_\_\_\_\_ Carolina \_\_\_\_\_ on Monday?  
She went white water rafting.
3. Where \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
She meditated under a tree.
4. What \_\_\_\_\_ on Wednesday?  
She ate goat meat.

3. Write a message for Carolina on her blog.

### Leave Carolina a Message

Jorge\_2002 commented:

San Gil is a terrific place! I was there last year and I really loved it. Hey did you go to the caves near San Gil? They're awesome!