

# Five things to do in Venice

A lesson to review the simple  
past regular and irregular



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Read the blog post about Venice. Then choose the correct paragraph.

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**A**

## **Piazza San Marco**

This is the most famous tourist attraction in Venice and one of the most famous squares in the world. If you visit in the evening, you can have a drink, listen to jazz and classical music playing outside, and watch the people of Venice. But be prepared – it's always crowded.

**B**

## **A *vaporetto* on the Grand Canal**

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## C

### San Giorgio Maggiore

This is a short trip from San Marco (by *vaporetto*), but there's a very different atmosphere here. It's quiet and relaxing. You can take a lift to the top of the tower and there are fantastic views of the city. You can also see some beautiful paintings here.

## D

### Rialto

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## E

### Real Venice!

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1. You can find good places to eat here.

- A
- B
- D
- E

2. You can listen to music here.

- A
- C
- D
- E

3. You can travel here by boat.

- A
- B
- C
- D

4. It can be difficult to find.

- A
- B

- C
- D

5. You can buy a lot of different kinds of food here.

- B
- C
- D
- E

6. This is a good place to take photos.

- A
- B
- D
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**Read the text again. Choose *True* or *False*.**

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1. The word *crowded* means *busy with people*.

- True
- False

2. You can see some very nice views and paintings on the Grand Canal and at San Giorgio Maggiore.

- True
- False

3. The word *Venetians* means *tourists*.

- True
- False

4. You can't buy fish at Rialto every day.

- True
- False

5. You can see the real Venice in the morning.

- True
- False

6. The writer of the blog lives in Venice.

- True
- False



# Grammar Revision

## Past simple revision

Match the questions and answers.

1. I was in New York last month for a wedding.
2. I invited friends to my house for a party.
3. I got up at about 6.30.
4. I came by bus.
5. I had coffee and some cereal.
6. I saw the new Star Wars film last week.

1. What's the last big city you visited?	
2. What did you have for breakfast?	
3. What did you do on your last birthday?	
4. What was the last film you saw?	

5. How did you come to class today?	
6. What time did you get up this morning?	

Put the words in the correct order.

what	last	do	Saturday
	you	did	

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ?

hours	TV	of	did
yesterday		you	many
	watch	how	

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ?



did	Saturday	have	you
last	lunch	where	

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ?

week	sport	do	you
last	any	did	

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ?

was	a	talked	stranger
last	the	to	you
	time	when	

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ?

you	did	last	week
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shopping

go

6. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?

Match the verbs with the same vowel sounds.

saw	told	sold	said
	talked	bought	
left	wrote	walked	sent
	snowed	went	

/ɔ:/ (e.g. horse)	/əʊ/ (e.g. phone)	/e/ (e.g. egg)

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the list.

			book	buy	get		
up	go	like	meet	see	send	tell	
			want				

- 1 A Where did you \_\_\_\_\_ your husband?  
B We were at university at the same time.
- 2 A I didn't \_\_\_\_\_ the food in that restaurant.  
B And it was expensive!
- 3 We \_\_\_\_\_ a good film last night.
- 4 A You \_\_\_\_\_ late this morning.  
B I know, I was tired.
- 5 A Why did you \_\_\_\_\_ a new car?  
B I sold my old car to a friend, and I liked the colour!
- 6 They \_\_\_\_\_ the tickets online.
- 7 He \_\_\_\_\_ me a text this morning.
- 8 Did you \_\_\_\_\_ to work by train yesterday?
- 9 She didn't \_\_\_\_\_ coffee, so I made some tea for her.
- 10 A Did you \_\_\_\_\_ them about your holiday?  
B Yes, I did. And they want to go there next year!

## Revision of vowel sounds

Match the words in the list to other words with the same vowel sound.

what	key	friend	word
	town	sixth	
son	four	buy	great
	could	juice	

1. three, please, she, \_\_\_\_\_
2. out, house, pound, \_\_\_\_\_
3. it, film, gym, \_\_\_\_\_
4. from, stop, not, \_\_\_\_\_
5. tall, draw, short, \_\_\_\_\_
6. full, cook, good, \_\_\_\_\_
7. too, new, blue, \_\_\_\_\_
8. verb, girl, nurse, \_\_\_\_\_
9. spell, ten, bread, \_\_\_\_\_
10. but, up, young, \_\_\_\_\_
11. nice, my, right, \_\_\_\_\_
12. name, late, day, \_\_\_\_\_