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**C** past simple, regular and irregular verbs.

**V** holidays

**P** -ed endings, irregular verbs

When did you go there?  
I went when I was 17.

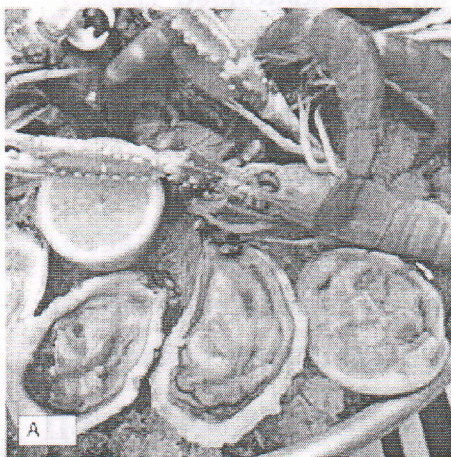
## Right place, wrong time

### 1 VOCABULARY holidays

- a In one minute, write down five things you like doing when you're on holiday.
- b  p.147 Vocabulary Bank *Holidays*.

### The Holiday Magazine

## In the **right** place... but at the **wrong** time!



Last week we asked you to tell us about a holiday when the destination was perfect but, for some reason, the time wasn't right... Here are some of your replies.

**1** **Tim, 20, student from Manchester**  
When I was a teenager I went on holiday with my parents to Brittany in France. My parents rented a lovely house on the beach, and the weather was great. But I was 17, and I didn't want to be on holiday with my mum and dad and my little brother. I wanted to be with my friends. We went to the beach every day and sunbathed and we went to a fantastic seafood restaurant for my birthday. But I was miserable and I hated every minute of it. I didn't smile once in two weeks. What really made me furious was that my parents let my older sister, who was 19, go to Spain with her friends.

**2** **Gabriela, 28, marketing manager from Rome**  
I'm from Rome and the summer here is really hot. So last year my husband and I decided to go to Sweden, to escape from the heat. We booked a 10-day holiday in Stockholm, where the temperature in the summer is normally about 20 degrees. But when we got to Stockholm there was a heatwave and it was 35 degrees every day. It was awful because there was no air-conditioning anywhere. We couldn't sleep at night – it was boiling in the hotel, and in the shops and museums too. We didn't want to go shopping or go sightseeing or do anything – we were too hot. We just sat in cafés and argued all day. We didn't need to go to Sweden to do that!

**3** **Kelly, 26, TV journalist from Belfast**  
Three years ago I broke up with my boyfriend and I decided to go on holiday on my own to the Seychelles. My travel agent told me that it was a wonderful place. But he didn't tell me that it was also a very popular place for people on their honeymoon. Everywhere I looked I saw couples holding hands and looking romantically into each other's eyes! The travel agent also said it was always sunny there – but the weather was terrible – it was cloudy and very windy. To pass the time I decided to do a diving course (one of my lifetime ambitions). But it was a complete disaster because the first time I went under the water I had a panic attack. I couldn't escape from the island so I spent an incredibly boring (and expensive) two weeks in 'paradise'.