Strange but true...

Read the story and discuss it with your class.

Tourists from around the world are returning stones taken from Ayers Rock (this is the former English name) in Australia. It is illegal to take the stones because Ayers Rock is in a National Park and is a sacred place for Aboriginal Australians. The Aborigines call it 'Uluru'.

The tourists are sending the pieces of stone back to Australia because they believe taking the stones has brought them bad luck. One letter said:

'Please return this stone to Ayers Rock because I have been very sick since taking it.'

The manager of the National Park said that the stone had been taken from a place where there had been many accidents.

Ayers Rock (Uluru) is near the centre of Australia, it has a circumference of 9.4 Km and a height of 348 m.

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Where is Ayers Rock?

What is the Aboriginal name for Ayers Rock?

What have people been taking?

What have people been doing?

Why are people sending the stones back?

How high is Uluru?

What do you think about this story?

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Irregular Verbs

Match the base form of the verb to the simple past by drawing a line between the two words. Then, see if you can complete the sentence gap exercise below using the simple past.

be	had	fly	came
know	lost	find	ate
leave	thought	go	made
take	was	drink	flew
run	gave	come	swam
write	paid	sit	saw
lose	broke	do	stood
pay	knew	eat	went
think	ran	see	did
break	wrote	stand	drank
give	spent	buy	found
have	took	make	bought
spend	left	swim	sat

Yesterday we ______ the train to London. The fare _____ £18 and I _____ cash. We _____ early in the morning and ______ at 9:00 a.m. The train _____ busy but I _____ next to a window. On the journey I _____ a letter to my friend in France. She _____ skiing last month and _____ her leg. We were hungry when the train ____ and ____ some sandwiches. We had all day to explore but didn't know where to start.

TV interview

Pretend you are a famous person, and answer the questions. Write some questions of your own. Swap your workbook with a partner and interview each other.

Where do you live? Can you describe your house? What do you do to keep fit?
What do you like to do when you're not working?
What are your plans for the future?
What other job would you like to do?
What is your favourite film? What is your favourite food?
What do you think about wildlife protection?
What do you think is the biggest problem in the world today?
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