

Activity 2: Complete each blank with the correct verb conjugated in the PAST SIMPLE.

1/ The FIFA World Cup 2026: (celebrate / take* place (took) / win* (won) / play / watch / beat* (beat))

On 19 July 2026, the FIFA World Cup final _____ in New York, featuring 48 teams across the USA, Mexico, and Canada for the first time. Spain _____ against Argentina in an intense final match. Spain _____ Argentina 1–0 and _____ the World Cup for the second time in their history. Ferran Torres _____ the winning goal in extra time. Millions of people _____ the dramatic match on TV, and Spanish fans around the world _____ the historic victory.



2/ The Tour de France: (watch / win* (won) / ride* (rode) / become* (became) / start / finish)

In July, the Tour de France _____ across France, with cyclists who _____ thousands of kilometres over three intense weeks. Tadej Pogačar _____ the Tour de France for the fifth time. He _____ as the overall winner in Paris and _____ one of the most successful cyclists in the history of the race. Millions of fans _____ the historic victory on television and along the roads.



3/ Wildfires in Gironde: (evacuate / destroy / help / lose* (lost) / spread* (spread) / fight* (fought) / start)

In July 2026, large wildfires _____ in Gironde, in south-western France. The flames quickly _____ because of the heat, dry weather and strong winds. The fires _____ thousands of hectares of forest. Firefighters _____ the flames for several days. Some local people _____ their homes and many families _____ their homes. Other people _____ the firefighters and local residents.



4/ Frida Kahlo in London: (see* (saw) / present / show* (showed) / open/ be* (was) / become* (became) / buy* (bought) / learn* (learnt) / visit)

On 25 June 2026, the Tate Modern in London _____ a big new exhibition about the Mexican painter Frida Kahlo, called "Frida: The Making of an Icon." Before the opening, more than 41,000 people _____ tickets in advance as the exhibition _____ and _____ more than 130 works, photographs, and documents. Thousands of people _____ the exhibition during the summer; they _____ famous paintings and _____ more about the Mexican artist. Ultimately, it _____ the museum's best-selling exhibition ever and _____ extremely popular with visitors.



5/ Enola Holmes 3 - Malta: (go* (went) / discover / help / release / be* (was) / look / find* (found) / travel)

In July 2026, Netflix _____ the new series Enola Holmes 3. In the new film, Enola _____ to Malta to save her brother. She _____ there to solve a new mystery. Sherlock Holmes _____ missing, so Enola _____ for clues. She _____ important information and _____ a way to solve the mystery and _____ her brother.



6/ A very hot summer in France: (drink* (drank) / affect / have* (had) / reach x2/ experience / be* (was) / continue)

In July 2026, France _____ a very hot summer with a major heatwave across Europe, and July _____ the hottest month ever recorded in France. Temperatures _____ 43°C in Paris and _____ very high levels in many parts of the country, causing many wildfires to start. The heat _____ many regions, so people _____ at home during the hottest hours, _____ lots of water, and _____ extreme conditions while the hot weather _____ into August in several parts of France.

