

Reading: Three colleagues, three experiences

Focus: reading: three team profiles; present perfect for experiences, past simple for details

Nina (34, sales): I've climbed a mountain. In 2019 I went to Georgia with two good friends from university. We climbed for three long days and slept in small tents. The nights were cold and a bit scary, but the view was unforgettable. I'd like to go there again one day.

David (41, support): I've lived abroad. From 2010 to 2015 I worked in Berlin for a German company. I didn't speak any German at first, so the first year was hard. Luckily, my colleagues were patient and I learnt quickly. I've visited Berlin twice on holiday.

Elena (29, reception): I've never left the country, and I've never flown. But I've won a cooking competition! It was in Yerevan last May. I made my grandmother's fish soup. I won first prize: a weekend in a hotel on the coast. I'm going there in June!

1 Read the text. True or false?

1. Nina climbed the mountain alone.

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2. David worked in Berlin for five years.

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3. David spoke good German when he arrived in Berlin.

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4. David has visited Berlin on holiday.

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5. Elena has flown once.

☐ T ☐ F
6. Elena's prize was a weekend on the coast.

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2 Answer the questions about the text.

Example: How long did Nina and her friends climb? → For three days.

1. Who did Nina go to Georgia with?
2. Why was David's first year in Berlin hard?
3. What did Elena cook in the competition?
4. When is Elena going to the hotel?

ANSWER KEY

1 1 F, 2 T, 3 F, 4 T, 5 F, 6 T 2 1 She went with two friends from university. | 2 Because he didn't speak any German at first. | 3 She made her grandmother's fish soup. | 4 She is going there in June.