OUR LAST SUMMER

Grammar: Past Simple, Past Perfect, Past Continuous Vocabulary: holidays, travelling Communication skills: talking about holidays Level: Pre-Intermediate, Intermediate

CD track 12

Teacher's notes

1. Ask students if they have ever travelled, if they travelled this summer, where to. If students are not very enthusiastic to talk about it, let them tell both true and false information (each partner should guess if it is true or not). Find out the most popular holiday destination in the group. Introduce the word 'destination'.

'Our Last Summer' is a song by ABBA from the group's seventh studio album Super Trouper. It was written by Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus. Though it was covered by a number of artists and was used in the musical Mamma Mia!, this variant of lyrics referred to an original track by ABBA.

2. Now, ask which holiday destination they think is said to be the most popular one all over the world. Tell them that according to the *United Nations World Tourism Organization* one of the most popular places to visit is France. Find out what students know about France and Paris. Encourage them to name the most famous sights (considering some pronunciation difficulties they may name these places in their native language first).

3. Tell the class that they are going to listen to a song by *ABBA* called *Our Last Summer*. It is closely connected with Paris. Then hand out the worksheets and let your students do Ex. 1 (individually or in pairs). Pay their attentions to the usage of *the*. Check the answers.

4. Then explain the second task and play the song. Check the answers.

5. Ask students what this song is about. - *The heroine recalls her romantic summer in Paris and points how things have changed*. Remind students that we use the Past Simple Tense to talk about the past. Revise the key points of this tense. Now, do Ex. 3. Let your students work individually, then check their answers in an open group. You may also ask students to find other past tenses (*we had met* – Past Perfect; *we were dancing* – Past Continuous).

6. Look through the words from the box. Explain / translate some of them if needed. Explain that the term *flower power* became generalized as a modern reference to the hippie movement (you may also mention of student riots in Paris in 1968 - it'll help students understand how dramatically *Harry* has changed). Then play the song again (twice if needed). Check the answers.

Answers

Ex. 1 A - 3. B - 1. C – 4. D – 2.

Ex. 2 The Notre Dame – 4. The Elysee – 1. The Seine – 2. The Eiffel Tower – 3.

Ex. 3 Be – was, do – did, have – had, smile – smiled, have – had, be – was, make – made, sit – sat, be – was, be – was, have – had, take – took, can – could.

Ex. 4 Gaps: warm¹, romance², memories³, happy⁴, power⁵, walking⁶, restaurants⁷, dreams⁸

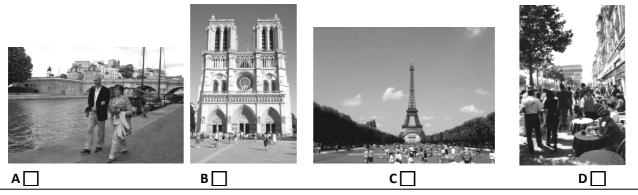
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Students'

1. Look at the photos. Match them with the words from the song. Then listen to the song. Arrange the sights in the way you hear.



1) round the Notre Dame; 2) strolling down the Elysee; 3) walks along the Seine; 4) in the grass by the Eiffel Tower

Look at the lyrics. Put the words in the brackets into The Past Simple. Check. Try to fill in the gaps with the words from the box. Listen and check.

Walking, warm, romance, restaurants, memories, flower-power, dreams, happy

The summer air (be) soft and ¹ The feeling right, the Paris night	But underneat of flying
(Do) it's best to please us	Of getting old,
And strolling down the Elysee	We
We (have) a drink in each café	Like we were c
And you	l can stil
You (talk) of politics,	I still see
philosophy and I	In the to
(Smile) like Mona Lisa	Notre D
We (have) our chance	Our last
It (be) a fine and true ²	
I can still recall our last summer	Paris
I still see it all	Our last
Walks along the Seine, laughing in	Mornin
the rain	Living fo
Our last summer	away
³ that remain	Our last
We (make) our way along the river	We
And we (sit) down in the grass	And now you'r
By the Eiffel tower	The family mar
I (be) so ⁴ we had met	And your name
It (be) the age of no regret	How dull it see
Oh yes	Yet you're the
Those crazy years, that (be) the time Of the5	

th we (have) a fear , a fear of slowly dying ___ (take) the chance dancing our last dance ill recall our last summer e it all ourist jam, round the Dame t summer ⁶ hand in hand t summer g croissants or the day, worries far t summer _____ (can) laugh and play re working in a bank n, the football fan e is Harry ems hero of my 8 Refrain