

Grammar

Past simple, past continuous or past perfect? The World's worst tourist

The least successful tourist the world _____ (ever / see) is Mr Nicholas Scotti of San Francisco. In 1877 he _____ (decide) to visit his relatives who _____ (live) in his native Italy.



While the plane _____ (take) him to Rome, it _____ (stop) for fuel at New York. Because he _____ (not visit) Italy since he _____ (be) a small child and he never _____ (go) to New York, he _____ (get) out of plane, believing he already _____ (arrive) in Rome. When he _____ (see) that his nephews _____ not (be) there to meet him he _____ (think) the heavy Roman traffic _____ (delay) them. While he _____ (look) for their address he _____ (notice) that modernisation _____ (get) rid of the ancient city's most famous sights. He also _____ (notice) that many people _____ (speak) English with an American accent, but he _____ (think) that Americans _____ (travel) a great deal. What's more, he _____ (see) that all the signs _____ (be) in English, probably for the benefit of the tourists. Mr Scotti _____ (speak) very little English himself so when he _____ (need) to find out the way to the bus station he _____ (ask) a policeman, in Italian. By chance, the policeman _____ (come) from Naples and (reply) fluently in Italian. But a second policeman _____ (speak) to him in English, and Mr Scotti _____ (get) rather angry that the Rome police force _____ (employ) someone who _____ (not know) any Italian. Even after the police _____ (explain) to him what _____ (happen), he _____ (refuse) to believe them. While they _____ (take) him to the airport in a police-car, with its sirens screaming, he _____ (say) 'Look! I know I'm in Italy. That's how they drive'.

Vocabulary

False Friends – Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

professor / teacher

A The _____ at my young daughter's school only graduated from university last year.

B Tolkien became a _____ of English at Oxford in 1945.

eventually / possibly

A We'll _____ get married next year, or perhaps the year after.

B After working all night, he _____ finished all his work.

legend / key

A The dangerous ring in Mordor, the land of darkness and evil, is a _____ created by Tolkien in The Lord of the Rings.

B The _____ at the bottom of the map shows what the little symbols mean.

success / event

A The Academy Awards are an annual _____.

B The difference between _____ and failure is often very small.

sympathetic / sensible / sensitive

My cousin's so easily hurt... she's so _____ I think we should feel more _____ towards her. It's the most _____ thing for us to do.

build / complexion

Marta is a woman of slender _____, but she never goes sunbathing. Look at her pale _____!