

Back from Holidays

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How was your holiday?
What did you do?
Where exactly did you go?
Who did you travel with?
How long did you stay there?



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What was the most surprising thing you did?

Did you try anything new?

Would you go there again?

If you could change one thing about your holiday, what would it be?

Why did you enjoy that experience?

How did you feel during that activity?



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What were your top three holiday experiences?
Which experience was the best and why?
Which experience was the most surprising and why?



Vocabulary Activation: Holidays, Experiences, Travel, Leisure

Word	Definition
Adventure	A minor problem or unexpected situation while traveling
Sightseeing	Visiting places of interest as a tourist
Accommodation	A place where you stay during your trip
Itinerary	A detailed plan of activities and places to visit
Travel mishap	An exciting or unusual experience, often challenging
Cultural experience	An activity that allows you to learn about another culture



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Complete the sentences with the correct vocabulary word:

1. Last summer, I had an incredible _____ hiking in the mountains and exploring hidden paths.
2. We stayed in a beautiful _____ by the lake with a balcony and amazing view.
3. Our _____ included visits to three museums, a market, and a historic castle.
4. Losing my luggage at the airport was a real _____ that delayed our plans.
5. During the trip, I learned how to cook local dishes, which was a fantastic _____.
6. We spent two days _____ around the old city, visiting famous landmarks and historic squares.



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Describe an adventure you had during your trip.
Did you have any travel mishaps? How did you solve them?
What cultural experiences did you enjoy?
How did your itinerary influence your trip?
What kind of accommodation did you stay in, and how was it?
Did you do any sightseeing that surprised you?



Listening

Last summer, David embarked on a week-long journey to Italy, aiming to blend cultural exploration with relaxation. His meticulously planned itinerary included Venice, Florence, and Rome, with highlights such as visiting renowned art museums and ancient ruins. However, on the second day in Venice, a travel mishap occurred: he boarded the wrong vaporetto and ended up on the opposite side of the city. Initially, he felt disoriented and frustrated, but he chose to embrace the situation as an opportunity for an unexpected adventure. He meandered through charming alleyways, stumbled upon a secluded art gallery, and savored a local pastry that became his newfound favorite. Throughout his trip, David encountered several cultural experiences, like attending a traditional opera in Florence and participating in a cooking class in Rome. By the week's end, despite the initial setbacks, David reflected that the unplanned moments enriched his journey, transforming it from a standard sightseeing tour into a series of memorable adventures.



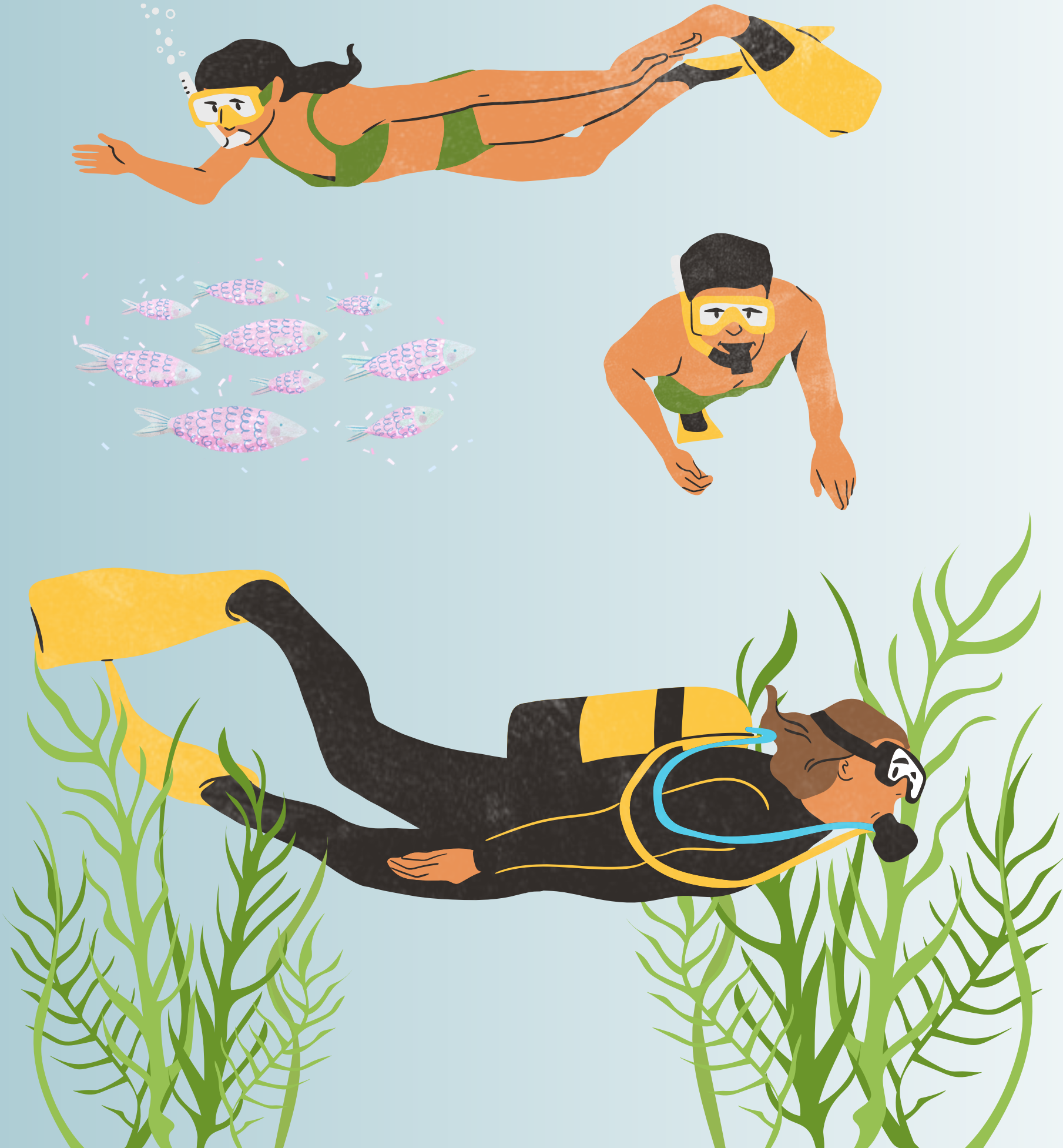
Listening

✓ Comprehension Check Questions

1. Where did David travel to?
2. Which cities were included in his itinerary?
3. What travel mishap did he experience in Venice?
4. How did David feel initially about the mishap?
5. What unexpected discoveries did he make?
6. Can you list some cultural experiences he had?
7. How did he feel about his trip by the end?

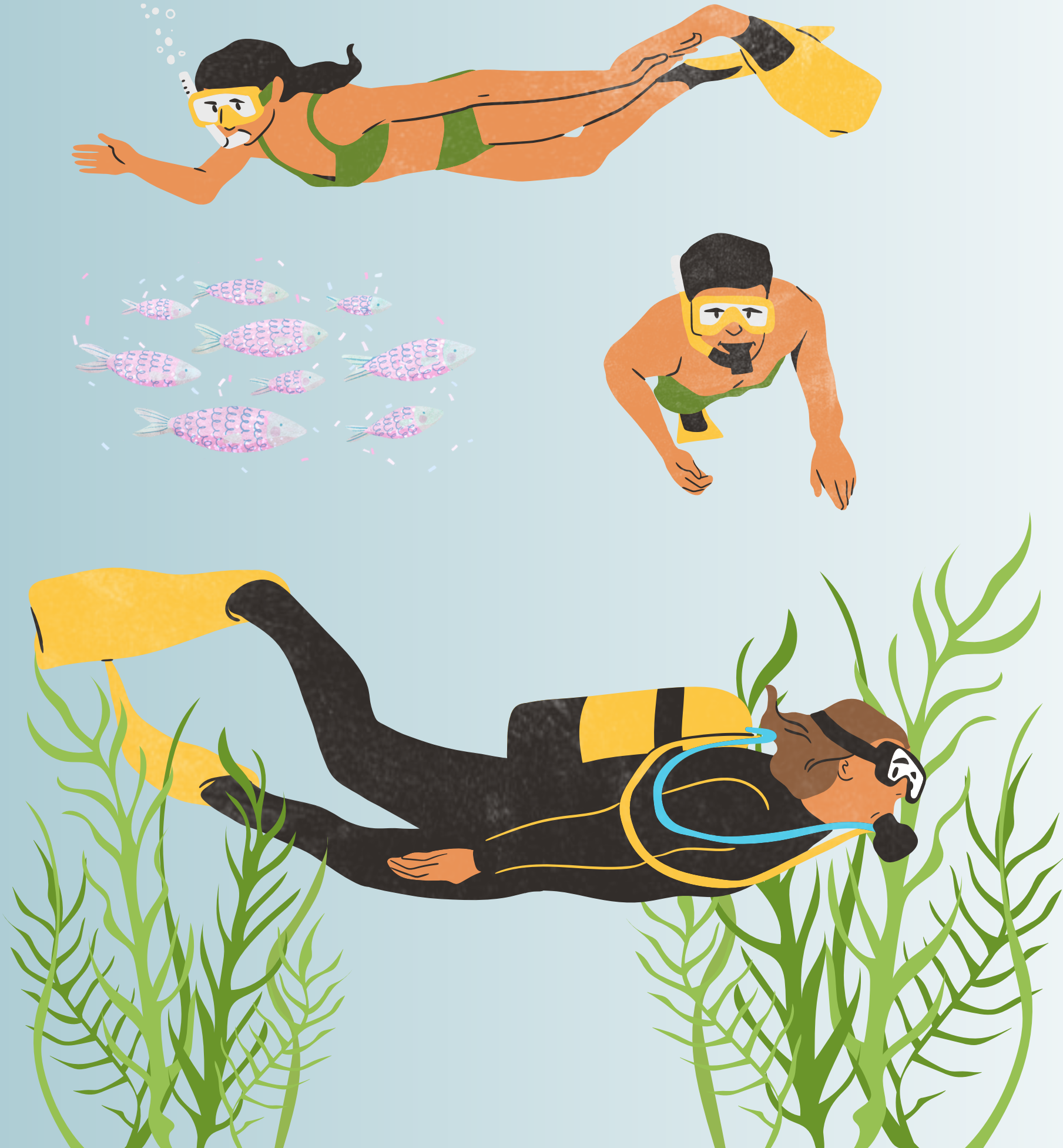


Past Tenses Review



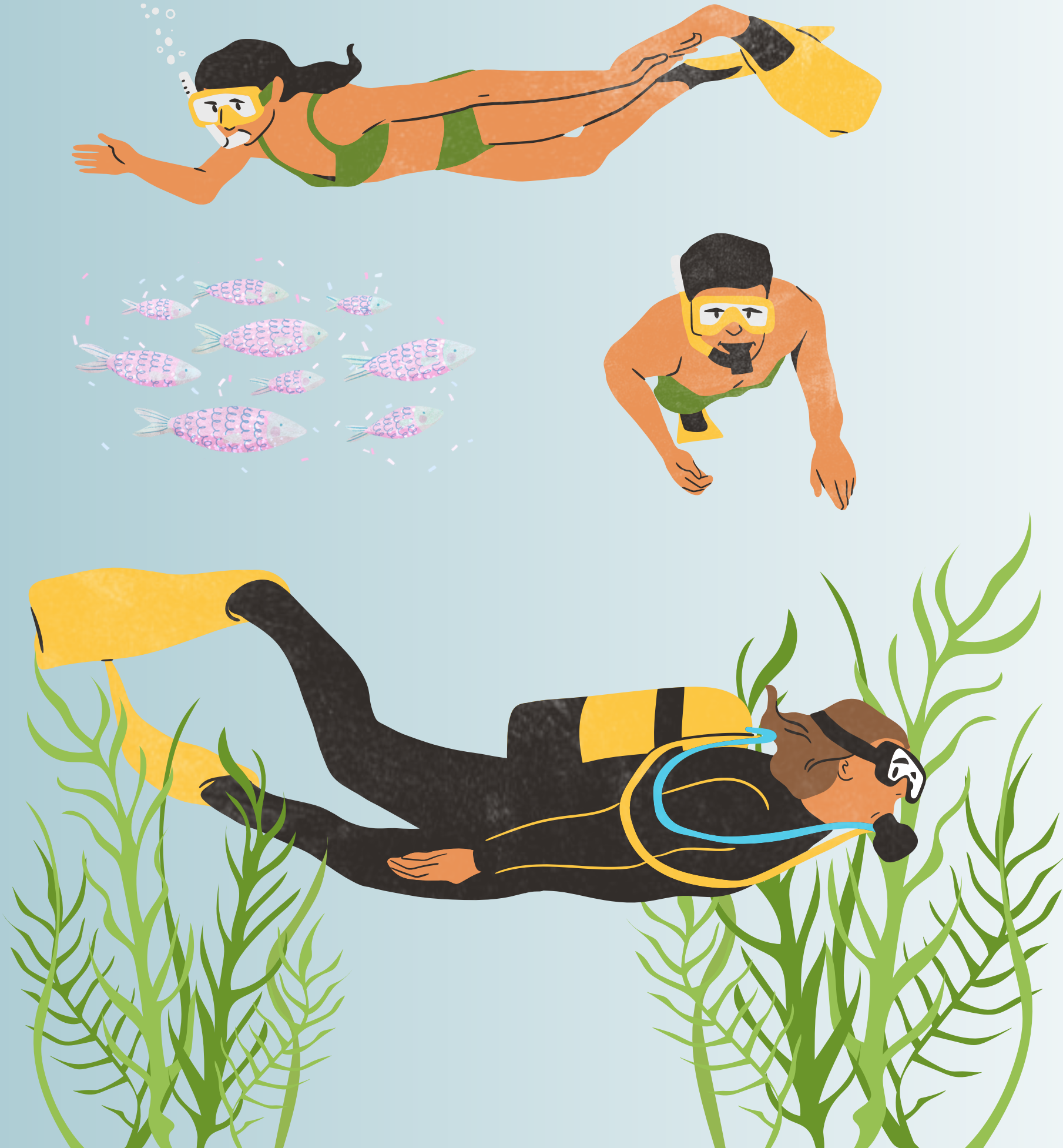
- Past Simple – completed actions at a specific time in the past
 - Example: I visited Paris last summer.
- Present Perfect – experiences or actions with relevance to the present; no specific time mentioned
 - Example: I have tried local food in Italy.
- Past Continuous – ongoing actions in the past, often providing background for another event
 - Example: While I was walking, it started raining.

Past Tenses Review



- While I was walking through the narrow streets of Venice... (Past Continuous – background action)
- I saw a street performer juggling fire. (Past Simple – completed action)
- I have never tried gelato like that before. (Present Perfect – experience)
- Suddenly, a pigeon flew straight into my ice cream... (Past Simple – completed action)
- ...and I dropped it on the ground. (Past Simple – completed action)
- Last year, I visited Florence and took a lot of photos... (Past Simple – completed actions)

Past Tenses Review



- Complete the paragraph below by filling in the blanks with the correct past tense of the verbs in brackets. Use Past Simple, Past Continuous, or Present Perfect as appropriate.
- While I _____ (walk) through the narrow streets of Venice, I _____ (see) a street performer juggling fire. I _____ (never / try) gelato like that before, and I decided to buy one. Suddenly, a pigeon _____ (fly) straight into my ice cream, and I _____ (drop) it on the ground! Last year, I _____ (visit) Florence and _____ (take) a lot of photos of the Duomo, but this mishap in Venice was even more memorable.

Speaking if I could...



- If you could travel anywhere in the world next year, where would you go and why?
- If you could relive one day of your holiday, which would it be and why?
- If you could meet someone famous while traveling, who would it be and what would you ask them?
- If you could try a new adventurous activity on your next holiday, what would it be?
- If you could plan the perfect holiday, what would it include and why?