Past Simple Exercises

Wh-/How Questions

Turn these statements into questions in the past simple using: which, what, where, when, who, why, how, how much. For example:

Statement: He moved to London last year. (where)
Question: Where did he move to last year?

Tip 1: Use ‘did’ for verbs except for the verb ‘to be’
Tip 2: The words underlined will not be in the question

1. The loaf of bread cost £1 (how much) ..............................................
2. He travelled to France by boat (how) ..............................................
3. They were late because of the traffic (why) ..............................................
4. Sue arrived yesterday with her sister (who) ..............................................
5. John didn’t like the red car (which) ..............................................
6. She got promoted to managing director (what) ..............................................
7. He went to the shops (where) ..............................................
8. She paid for everything by credit card (how) ..............................................
9. They arrived at 9pm (when) ..............................................
10. He was tired from the long journey (why) ..............................................
11. Mike tried to go to the concert last night (where) ..............................................
12. They didn’t understand the question (what) ..............................................
13. She bought the jacket for £15 (how much) ...........................................

14. She had some drinks with her friends (who) ........................................

15. They sold the cheapest one first (which) ..............................................

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Answers

1. How much did the loaf of bread cost?
2. How did he travel to France?
3. Why were they late?
4. Who did Sue arrive with yesterday?
5. Which car didn’t John like?
6. What did she get promoted to?
7. Where did he go?
8. How did she pay for everything?
9. When did they arrive?
10. Why was he tired?
11. Where did Mike try to go (to) last night?
12. What didn’t they understand?
13. How much did she buy the jacket for?
14. Who did she have (some) drinks with?
15. Which one did they sell first?