

Before you start

- 1 Read the article about Marco Polo. Look at the **highlighted** grammar examples.

MARCO POLO

Marco Polo **lived** from 1254 to 1324. His father was a trader and often **travelled** to distant countries. In 1271 Marco left Venice with his father to go on a long voyage to the East. Clearly, journeys **used to take** much longer than they do now, and it was only after they **had been travelling** for three years that they arrived in China, at the palace of the great Kublai Khan. The Emperor remembered Marco's father from when he **had visited** before and he welcomed the travellers.



While he **was living** in China, Marco learned the language, and **would often**

travel on business for the Emperor.

After several years Marco and his father decided to leave China, and they **were discussing** their wishes with the Emperor **when** a message arrived from the King of Persia, who wanted to marry Kublai Khan's daughter. Marco and his father decided to accompany the wedding group, so, after twenty-four years away, Marco Polo arrived back in Venice in 1295.

- 2 Now read the sentences and choose the correct words in *italics*. The **highlighted** grammar examples will help you.

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| 1 I <i>travelled</i> / <i>did travel</i> a lot when I was younger. | ➤ Unit 30 |
| 2 We <i>have worked</i> / <i>worked</i> in Venice from 2006 to 2008. | ➤ Unit 30 |
| 3 We visited a lot of museums while we <i>stayed</i> / <i>were staying</i> in Beijing. | ➤ Unit 31 |
| 4 They <i>were having</i> / <i>had</i> dinner when the police knocked on the door. | ➤ Unit 31 |
| 5 Fiona was working at Harrods <i>when</i> / <i>while</i> she met her husband. | ➤ Unit 32 |
| 6 People <i>used to travel</i> / <i>used to travelling</i> by ship a lot in those days. | ➤ Unit 33 |
| 7 When Simon was at college, he <i>had</i> / <i>would</i> sleep late every day. | ➤ Unit 33 |
| 8 I didn't want to join you because I <i>saw</i> / <i>had seen</i> the film before. | ➤ Unit 34 |
| 9 We <i>had been using</i> / <i>been used</i> the machine for days without any problems. | ➤ Unit 35 |

- 3 Check your answers below. Then go to the unit for more information and practice.

1 travelled 2 worked 3 were staying 4 were having
5 when 6 used to travel 7 would 8 had seen 9 been using