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Past Simple and Continuous – active and passive
Past Perfect • Vocabulary – birth, marriage, death
Prepositions of time – *in / at / on*
Pronunciation – phonetic symbols: consonants

Good times, bad times

Past tenses

1 Recognizing tenses

Read the text. Use the past verb forms in *italics* to complete the chart.

Past Simple (x7)
felt
Past Continuous (x3)
Past Simple passive (x4)
Past Perfect (x3)
Past Perfect Continuous (x1)



Billionaire rips a hole in his Picasso worth $139 million

Steve Wynn, the billionaire art collector, *felt* extremely embarrassed after he *had damaged* one of his own paintings by putting a hole in the canvas.

Wynn, the 107th-richest man in America, runs hotels and casinos in Las Vegas. He owns a Matisse, a Renoir, a Van Gogh, a Gauguin, and several Warhols.

He *bought* a Picasso, *Le Rêve* (*The Dream*) in 1997. It *was painted* in 1932, and it depicts Picasso's mistress as she is sitting daydreaming. Wynn *paid* $48m for it.

Despite being one of his favourite pictures, Wynn *had decided* to sell it. He *had been negotiating* with an investor, Steven Cohen, and they *had agreed* a price of $139m.

The weekend before the sale, some friends of his *were visiting* from New York, staying in one of his hotels. They *wanted* to see the picture, which *was hanging* in his office, before it *was sold*. Wynn *was standing* in front of the picture and explaining its history when he – accidentally *put* his elbow through the canvas.

The picture *was repaired* by an art restorer in New York. It is now impossible to see where it *was damaged*. Not surprisingly, Cohen no longer *wanted to* buy it, so Wynn *put* it in a vault for safe keeping.

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2 Producing tenses

Use information from the text to complete the sentences, with the correct form of the verb in **bold**. Use each form once.

paint PAST SIMPLE or PAST SIMPLE PASSIVE?

1 Picasso *painted* a picture of his mistress daydreaming.
2 *Le Rêve* _____ in 1932.

visit PAST SIMPLE or PAST CONTINUOUS?

3 His New York friends _____ for the weekend.
4 They often _____ him in Las Vegas.

see PAST SIMPLE or PAST PERFECT?

5 When his friends _____ the Picasso, they were amazed.
6 When his friends _____ the Picasso, they left the office.

put PAST SIMPLE or PAST SIMPLE PASSIVE?

7 He _____ his elbow through the canvas.
8 *Le Rêve* _____ into a vault to keep it safe.

3 Questions

Write the questions.

1 *When did he buy the Picasso* ?
In 1997.
2 _____ ?
In 1932.
3 _____ ?
$48 million.
4 _____ hanging?
In Wynn's office.
5 _____ ?
By an art restorer in New York.

4 Negatives

Make these sentences negative.

1 *Le Rêve* was painted by Van Gogh.
It wasn't painted by Van Gogh.
2 Wynn's friends were staying in his house.
_____
3 They had seen the Picasso before.
_____
4 Steven Cohen bought the Picasso.
_____
5 Wynn sold it to someone else.
_____

Past Simple and Continuous

5 *What was he doing? What did he do?*

Read the newspaper stories and answer the questions.

HERO SAVES MAN'S LIFE

Jack Easton, 38, was driving home from work at around 6.30 in the evening when he saw a yellow VW van, driven by Ken Sharpe, crash into a tree. Without thinking of his own safety, he pulled the young man out of the van and took him straight to hospital. The doctors say Ken will make a complete recovery.



1 What was Jack Easton doing when he saw the accident?
_____
2 What did he do when he saw the accident?
_____

Dog attacked in park by swans

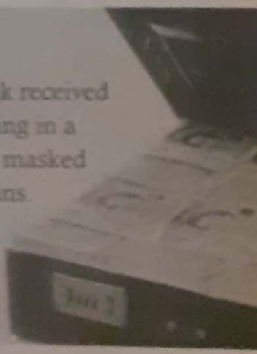
Hilary Benting, 54, was taking her dog, Toby, for a walk in St James' Park last Thursday afternoon. She was throwing sticks into the pond for Toby to retrieve. He was swimming in the pond when he was attacked by two swans. He received cuts and bruises. Mrs Benting called park officials to help, but there was little they could do.



3 What was Mrs Benting doing when her dog was attacked? What was Toby doing?
_____
4 What did she do when her dog was attacked?
_____

Shock for bank customers

■ Customers in the Whitehall Savings Bank received a nasty shock yesterday as they were standing in a queue chatting to each other. At 11.15 two masked robbers burst into the bank carrying shotguns. Sixty-year-old Martin Webb suffered a heart attack and was taken to hospital. The robbers escaped with £500,000.



5 What was happening in the bank when the robbers burst in?
_____
6 What happened to Martin Webb when the robbers burst in?
_____

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Past Perfect

6 What had happened?

Complete the sentences. Use the prompts in brackets, and the Past Perfect.

1 I was broke because I *'d spent all my money on clothes*. (spend / money / clothes)

2 Jane was furious because she _____ _____. (oversleep / miss the bus)

3 Mary was very disappointed with her son. He _____. (not study enough / fail exams)

4 Before his accident, Peter _____ _____. (be / best player / team)

5 I was nervous as I waited in the departure lounge. I _____. (never / fly / before)

6 Jack wanted a new challenge in his work. He _____. (do / same job / ten years) (CONTINUOUS)

7 Past Simple or Past Perfect?

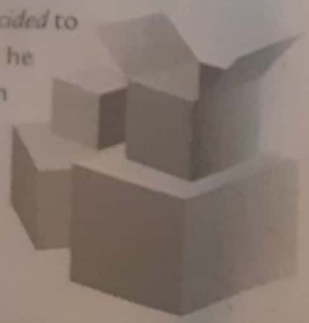
Circle the correct tenses in the story.

A Busy Day

It was ten o'clock in the evening. Peter (1) (*sat*) / *had sat* down on his sofa and thought about the day. What a busy day it (2) *was* / *had been*! This was his first night in his own flat. He (3) *lived* / *had lived* his entire life in the family home, and now for the first time, he (4) *was* / *had been* on his own.

He sat surrounded by boxes that he (5) *didn't manage* / *hadn't managed* to unpack during the day. It (6) *took* / *had taken* months to get all his things together. His mother (7) *was* / *had been* very generous, buying him things like towels and mugs.

He (8) *went* / *had gone* into the kitchen and (9) *made* / *had made* a sandwich. He suddenly (10) *felt* / *had felt* very tired and yawned. No wonder he (11) *was* / *had been* tired! He (12) *was* / *had been* up since six o'clock in the morning. He (13) *decided* / *had decided* to eat his sandwich and go to bed. But he didn't quite make it. He sat down on his sofa, and before he knew it, he (14) *was* / *had been* fast asleep.



Tense review

8 *ate, was eating,* or *had eaten*?

Put the verb in **bold** in the Past Simple, Past Continuous, or Past Perfect.

eat

1 I couldn't understand what she was saying because she *was eating* an apple.

2 The meal was terrible, but John _____ it all up. He must have been hungry.

3 There was nothing in the fridge. The kids _____ everything.

talk

4 The lesson was so boring. The teacher just _____ for a whole hour.

5 I knew about Annie's problem because I _____ to her mother the day before.

6 Who _____ you _____ to on the phone just now?

drive

7 'How did you get here?' 'I _____.'

8 I was tired, and needed to go to bed. I _____ 300 miles that day.

9 I _____ to work when I had an accident and hit a tree.

Past passive

9 Past Simple passive

Put the verbs in brackets in the Past Simple passive.

1 *Romeo and Juliet* *was written* (write) in 1595 or 1596.

2 It _____ (base) on a traditional Italian tale.

3 It isn't known when it _____ first _____ (perform).

4 The play _____ (publish) in 1597.

5 Many of Shakespeare's plays _____ (perform) at the Globe Theatre in London.

6 The original theatre _____ (build) in 1599.

7 The theatre _____ (destroy) by fire in 1613.

8 The 1996 film version, starring Leonardo di Caprio, _____ (aim) at a younger audience.

9 The film _____ (shoot) in Mexico City.

10 The musical and film *West Side Story* _____ (inspire) by Shakespeare's play.

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Love on the tube

10 Questions and negatives

Read the first newspaper article.
Complete the questions.

1 When **was she visiting London** ?
Last year.

2 Who _____ ?
A young commuter.

3 What _____ doing?
Listening to his MP3 player.

4 Why _____ ?
Because she was too shy.

5 Which line _____ ?
The Piccadilly Line.

6 Where _____ ?
At Green Park.

Read the second article.
Complete the negative sentences.

7 She / not see / the man since November.
She hadn't seen the man since November.

8 She / not receive / any replies on the Internet.
_____

9 Mr Laurence / not sit / on the tube.
_____

10 He / not buy / a copy of the newspaper.
_____

11 He / not know / why people were looking at him.
_____

12 Mr Laurence / not go out / with anyone.
_____

Read the third article.
Complete the text using the verbs from the box.

got	went	met
had	enjoyed	did
was looking	had invited	

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

Girl looks for love on the tube

Jana Ohlson was visiting London last (1) [redacted] when she saw (2) [redacted] on the Underground. He was (3) [redacted]. She didn't talk to him because (4) [redacted]. However, she *did* take his photograph on her mobile phone. She went back to Sweden, but couldn't forget the handsome man she'd met on the tube, so she put his photo and a message on the Internet.

The mystery man was travelling on the (5) [redacted] Line, and got off at (6) [redacted] at about 5.30 p.m.

■ If you know the man, or are him, call *City News* on 020 2163 8061.



The mystery man

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

Tourist finds her mystery man

City News has ended the love search of a Swedish tourist. Jana Ohlson had been looking for a young man she'd seen last November on the London Underground.

Jana put his photo on the Internet, but no one replied. His picture appeared in yesterday's paper, and he was identified as Sam Laurence, a financial adviser from south-west London. His work colleagues contacted *City News*.

Mr Laurence said, 'I'd already seen the photo on my way to work. I was standing on the tube reading the paper over someone's shoulder. I couldn't understand why people were giving me funny looks.'

Miss Ohlson was very pleased to learn that Mr Laurence didn't have a girlfriend.



Jana Ohlson in Sweden yesterday

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Couple delighted with Internet date

The couple who (13) _____ after an international search on the Internet have had their first date.

Sam Laurence, 28, and Jana Ohlson, 25, from Uppsala, (14) _____ a sightseeing tour of London, and then (15) _____ a meal in Covent Garden.

He said, 'It (16) _____ very well. We had great fun and we really (17) _____ ourselves. We (18) _____ on really well.'

Miss Ohlson said that she (19) _____ Sam to go to Sweden, and that she (20) _____ forward to showing him her hometown.

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