

May Exam

Tenses I

This Richard, who is my grammar teacher. He _____ (be) my teacher **since** I _____ (start) the semester. However, he _____ (show up) late because we didn't have a teacher for this subject. He _____ (take) the charge just a month **after** the classes started.

Richard is a funny guy and his lessons _____ (be) relaxed. We _____ (see) three authors and 8 units **so far**. He _____ (not like) giving homework so much, but we **must** _____ (read) the material before every lesson. He says that **if** we _____ (keep) track of the reading material regularly, we _____ (not have) to study for the exams.

He **sometimes** _____ (forget) the topics we are seeing and has to reread it because he loses his notes. I believe that **if** he _____ (be) more organised, he _____ (not have) this problem.

Last week, **while** he _____ (give) the lesson of the day, he couldn't _____ (find) the notes he had taken. Apparently, he _____ (forget) them at home. **If** he _____ (make) sure to put them in his suitcase the night **before**, he _____ (take) them with him.

We _____ (review) for the exam **now**. **By next week**, we _____ (have) our third exam in this semester.

Tenses II

I heard how my parents died. My brother and I _____ (Sit) in a locked bedroom and could only listen. We heard the knife stabs until their screams _____ (stop). The police decided that our parents _____ (accidentally/kill) during the robbery. I never believed it. In our neighborhood no one _____ (have) any money, especially immigrants like us.

After a month in the orphanage, we _____ (pick up) by the only relative in the states – a woman _____ (name) Randolph, a medium, our grandmother. Our mom _____ (never/talk) about her and hid away her letters without opening them. I think that Mrs. Randolph _____ (think) that she cared about us. She... taught us. I still remember rituals, prayers and constant promises _____ (reveal) what _____ (happen) to our parents, but later. It was always later, when we _____ (be) ready.

My brother was the first one _____ (escape) – he joined the police force. I left her after. I, like my mother before, _____ (not respond) to her letters. They were just another promise to reveal some secret if I _____ (came) back. When they stopped, I _____ (sigh) with relief, finally.

A local lawyer _____ (visit) shortly after. Grandma _____ (kill), stabbed with a knife. They suspect a robbery. Voices of my parents came back and... they are not alone. Our town is eating itself. Death _____ (come) for our people, for my friends. I... I can't take it anymore. Grandmother was trying _____ (understand) what was wrong. She had the intention _____ (tell) us and... I'm starting to believe her. If only I _____ (do) so.

Crimes _____ (solve) by her, she helped the police _____ (find) the perpetrators. I must _____ (take) her place. I have to go back to her house. My brother and I _____ (reveal) who did this!

Paraphrasing

- 1) The police didn't use dogs. They didn't find the perpetrator.
If the police _____.
- 2) My brother is a police officer who needs my help.
It is my brother _____.
It is my help _____.

- 3) He can solve our parents' murder mystery because he is a cop.
If he _____.
- 4) Every day he will send me a new case.
A new _____.
- 5) I can use divination rituals to uncover new clues.
Divination rituals _____.
It is new clues _____.
- 6) My brother trusts me because I know dowsing.
The reason _____.
- 7) My brother will only accept my help if I convince him of my skills.
Unless _____.
- 8) People believed our grand mother was a medium.
Our grandmother _____.

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