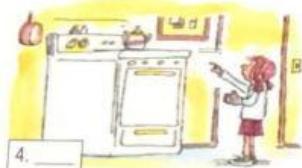


Simple Past Tense

Name: _____ Course: _____

1. What does each person say? Match the pictures with the sentences.



- a. I cut my hand on Saturday, but it wasn't serious. I put on a bandage at home.
- b. I broke my leg the day before yesterday. I went to the hospital and they put on a cast.
- c. I sprained my ankle yesterday. My friend Bob took me to the doctor, and she put on a bandage.
- d. A dog bit me the other day. It didn't hurt very much, but I had to go to the doctor and get a shot.
- e. I burned my hand on the stove this morning. My mother put on a bandage.
- f. I fell off my bike on my way home from school. It hurts a little, but I'll be all right.

2. Complete the letter with the simple past tense of the verbs in the list. The verbs are given in order.

happen
clean
go
smell
look
find
be
try
continue
call
ask
arrive
put
burn

Dear Alvin and Alice,

May 14, 1995

You're not going to believe what happened to Sandy and me last night! After dinner, we cleaned the kitchen and went into the living room to watch TV. After a few minutes, we smelled something strange. We looked all over the apartment, and we finally found the problem. There was a fire in the oven! I tried to put the fire out, but it continued to burn. Sandy called 911 and asked them to send a fire truck. The truck arrived in about five minutes, and the fire fighters put the fire out. The kitchen is a mess and I burned my hand (it's not serious), but everything's O.K. now.

We'll call you soon.

Warm regards,

Ken

3. Now answer the questions about the letter in exercise 2

1. Was the fire in the living room?

No, it wasn't. It was in the kitchen.

2. Did the fire start in the morning?

Yes, it did.

3. Did Ken call the emergency number?

Yes, he did.

4. Did the fire truck come quickly?

Yes, it did.

5. Did Ken burn his foot?

Yes, he did.

6. Did Ken have to go to the hospital?

Yes, he did.