DAY 3

SUBJECT: ***Simple Past vs Past Perfect Tense***

Exercise 1. Supply a suitable SIMPLE PAST or PAST PERFECT TENSE:

1. I …….. (worry) a lot about her before I …….. (hear) that she was safe.
2. I didn't like the flat. It …….. (be) much smaller than I …….. (think) at first.
3. He told us he …….. (shoot) a big tiger.
4. They …….. (drink) tea after they …….. (finish) dinner.
5. She ……. just …….. (fold) the pink apron and placed it in a table drawer when the door …… (open) and Joe ……. (enter).
6. The police wanted to know why he …….. (bring) a gun to school.
7. After he …….. (work) at the hospital for two years he …….. (decide) to give up the job.
8. When I …….. (arrive) at the party John ……. already …….. (go) home.
9. We …… (wait) until the match …….. (finish).
10. They …… (leave) the room before the meeting …… (finish).
11. I …….. (buy) a new camera before I …….. (go) to London.
12. I …….. just …… (turn off) the lights when the telephone …… (ring).

Exercise 2. Supply a suitable SIMPLE PAST or PAST PERFECT TENSE:

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1. ……. he …….. (know) her for a long time before they …… (get) married?
2. He ……. (drive) down the hotel where they ……. (spend) their honeymoon years ago.
3. When we …… (get) to the station the train ……... (already / leave).
4. He ……. (sit) at a table by the window where he …….. (have) a meal with Jane.
5. Why ……. he …… (not / ask) her to wait and think again before she …….. (leave) Paris.
6. He was wondering why he …… (let) her leave so easily.
7. He knew he …… (earn) that money with a great difficulty.
8. After they …… (go), he …….. (sit) down and …… (light) a cigarette.
9. He …….. (have to) go to work by bus because his car ……. (break) down.
10. He …… (be) angry before he …… (hear) my offer.

Exercise 3. Supply a suitable SIMPLE PAST or PAST PERFECT TENSE:

1. They ……. (go) home after they …….. (finish) their work.
2. She …….. (just / go) out when I called her.
3. My brother ……. (eat) all the pie before we got back.
4. He wondered why I ……. (not / visit) him before.
5. She said that she ……. (already / see) the Pyramids.
6. The fire …….. (spread) to the next building before the firemen …….. (arrive).

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7. They drank small cups of coffee, after they ……. (finish) dinner.
8. He told me he …….. (catch) a young lion.
9. His mother ……. (worry) a lot about him before she …… (hear) that he was safe.
10. He …….. (already / learn) English before he ……. (leave) for England, but before he arrived in England, he …… (forget) some.
11. Mary …….. (go) swimming after she …… (come) home. After she …… (swim), she ……. (call) her friend Judy.
12. I …… (go) to the theatre with my friends yesterday. I …… (not / go) to the theatre for a year. We …….. (have) a very good time.
13. After they …… (finish) their breakfast, they …… (leave) for school.
14. Linda ……. (play) tennis after she …… (do) her homework.
15. My father ……. (water) the flowers after he ……. (clean) the car. After he …….. (water) the flowers, he …….. (have) dinner.

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Exercise 4. Combine the following sentences by using AFTER / BEFORE:

1. My mother took her umbrella. She went out.

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2. Frank called me. I went to school.

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3. I washed the dishes. I watched TV.

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4. She washed her hands. She had lunch.

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5. The boys bought a ball. They played football.

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6. My mother made a cake. The guests came.

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7. He put sugar in his tea. He drank it.

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8. I got up. I had breakfast.

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9. The children ran away. They broke the window.

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10. I fastened my seat belt. The plane took off.

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Exercise 5. Read the passage and answer the questions:

I had an amusing experience last year. After I had left a small village in the south of France, I drove on to the next town. On the way a young man waved to me. I stopped and he asked me for a lift. After he had got into the car, I said good morning to him in French and he replied in the same language.

Except a few words, I do not know any French at all. Neither of us spoke during the journey.

I had nearly reached the town, when the young man suddenly said, very slowly, "Do you speak English?"

As I soon learned, he was English himself!

1. When did the writer drive on to the next town?

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2. When did he say good morning to the man in French?

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3. When did the young man say, "Do you speak English?"

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Exercise 6.

Complete the story with the verbs in brackets.

It ..... (be) 11 o'clock. Carol Parker ..... (arrive) at the Shaw Hotel five minutes before. She ..... (try) to find the hotel several times. Carol ..... (never be) to Dublin. She ..... (have) a detailed map in her hanbag, but she ..... (cannot) read it. She ..... (call) the reception and ..... (ask) about the way, but it ..... (not help) her. Finally, Carol ..... (find) the hotel. She was dying for a cup of tea and a hot shower.

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Exercise 7.

Complete the text with the past simple or past perfect tense.

When I ..... (be) 18 years old I ..... (decide) to spend some time in America. But until I ..... (save) enough money I ..... (not tell) anybody. My mum ..... (be shocked), because we ..... (never be) abroad. At that time I ..... (have) a penfriend in Vermont for nearly three years and I ..... (always want) to see her. I ..... (know) that my English ..... (be) very good as I ..... (pass) Cambridge exams with grade A. Before I ..... (start) to write to Wendy, it ..... (never come) to my mind that I could go to the States on my own. But after I ..... (decide) to set off I just ..... (have) to go.

Exercise 8.

Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets, using the *Past Simple* or the *Past Perfect Simple*.

Example:

When I *got* (get) home, I *realised* (realise) I *had left* (leave) my sunglasses in the office.

1. When I ..... (arrive) at the station, the train ..... (already, leave).
2. We ..... (thank) the couple for everything they ..... (do) to help save our daughter.
3. As soon as I ..... (hear) the voice, I ..... (realise) I ..... (meet) the person before.
4. I ..... (go) to the shop to buy the shirt I ..... (see) the day before.
5. I ..... (return) the book when I ..... (finish) reading it.

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6. I ..... (not go) to bed until the film ..... (finish).

7. The test ..... (be) difficult because I ..... (not study).

8. When Mr Smith ..... (retire), he ..... (run) the company for over forty years.

9. When I last ..... (speak) to her, she still ..... (not finish) her assignment.

10. We ..... (apologise) for the inconvenience we ..... (cause).

11. Our exam results ..... (be) much better than we ..... (expect).

12. We ..... (go) to the cinema as soon as we .....(have) dinner.

Exercise 9.

Write a story about your day off. You should say:

- When was it
- What you did
- Where you went
- Who you were with
- How you felt

Your essay should be at least 150 words.

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