

TENSES

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Yesterday I did something a bit different to celebrate my 23rd birthday. I went bungee jumping. For those of you who are interested, here is my review of this extreme sport I _____ (recently try). Great Canadian Bungee is the biggest bungee jump in North America. It is very near Canada's capital city, Ottawa. This means it is quite easy _____ (access), and the easiest means of transport is by car.

I booked my jump so that I could choose the time for my birthday. I arrived, gave my name to the receptionist, and then signed some documents. While I _____ (sign) the papers I asked myself if I was crazy. I was essentially saying that if I _____ (die), it was not their fault. Wow! We were a group of approximately 10 people. Our jump order _____ (give) and they put me towards the end as men often _____ (weigh) more than women. We walked to the platform area, where two more instructors _____ (wait) to assist me. After double-checking all my equipment, I _____ (tie) to the jump rope and allowed to walk to the edge of the platform.

After my countdown from 5, I spread my arms and jumped from the platform. The DVD later showed that my whole jump was more graceful than I _____ (imagine). The rebounds were almost as good as the first jump, one of my shoes felt like it might fall off until finally I was lowered into the waiting boat. It was such a great experience that I think I _____ (try) it again soon.

II-

On Tuesday night last week, Mr. Richard Riley _____ (drive) along a road by the sea when he saw a hitch-hiker, a young pale girl dressed in a black sweater and jeans. She _____ (stand) by the roadside. It was a cold dark night, so Mr Riley picked the girl up and gave her a lift to the nearest town. He wondered why the girl _____ (not/ give) him any direct answers to all the questions he asked her.

The next day he _____ (buy) the local newspaper. As he was turning the pages, he suddenly _____ (stop) and read: "Accident on the coastal road. Yesterday morning a young 20-year-old girl _____ (run) over by a car on the road by the sea. Police _____ (Investigate) the case now..."

Mr Riley _____ (not / can) stop reading the story in amazement. Next to the story about the accident, there was a photo of the person who _____ (die). He couldn't believe his eyes! It was the same girl he _____ (pick) up on the road the night before.

III-

The first accident in my life _____ (happen) when I was 6 years old. I _____ (live) in Hawaii at the time. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon with not a cloud in the sky. I'll never forget what happened, although the truth is I _____ (not/ remember) anything immediately after that unlucky event. I _____ (walk) home from school. I was in a hurry _____ (arrive) and watch my favourite TV programme. I took a shortcut home – along the beach, over the fence, and through the trees. I _____ (hear) friendly laughter and I looked up and saw two boys playing in the trees. Suddenly, there was a scream and then all fell silent.

When I opened my eyes I was lying in a hospital bed with my head bandaged up. My mum told me the two boys _____ (drop) a sugar cane knife with which they were playing and it _____ (fall) on my head. As a result I _____ (knock) unconscious by the blow.

Although I remember nothing of the accident, I still _____ (have) a three-inch scar on my skull to prove it.

PARAPHRASING

I –

1. In the next twenty years it is likely that “gene technology” will help people live longer. **PROBABLY**

In the next twenty years “gene technology” _____.

2. “We won’t play at festivals that don’t offer eco-friendly policies,” said Radiohead. **DIDN’T**

Radiohead told the press they _____.

3. Emily didn’t take her camera with her on her trip and now she regrets it. **WISHES**

Emily _____ her camera with her on her trip.

4. Strong winds have blown off the roofs of many houses in the area. **BY**

The roofs of many houses in the area _____.

5. Sue keeps eating chocolates and sweets because she is not overweight **STOP**

If Sue were overweight, she _____ eating chocolates and sweets.

6. Mary went home before I got to the party. **ALREADY**

By the time I got to the party Mary _____.

7. When I was a kid I used to write a letter to Santa Claus every Xmas asking for lots of presents.

WOULD

When I was a kid I _____ every Xmas asking for lots of presents.

8. Charles uploaded his new cartoons to facebook and a lot of people saw them. **SEEN**

If Charles hadn’t uploaded his new cartoons to facebook, nobody _____.

9. “When do you want to take your holiday?” **SHE**

Rebecca’s boss asked her _____.

10. You won’t be able to pay by credit card if you don’t show your ID card. **UNLESS**

You won’t be able to pay by credit card _____.

1. Don't touch electrical things with wet hands. **MUSTN'T**

You _____.

2. There is a possibility that I will need English for my job when I leave school. **MIGHT**

I _____ when I leave school.

3. We don't have a good computer. We can't play this new computer game. **PLAY**

If we had a better computer, _____.

4. It is likely that we will meet again at the next Olympic Games! **PROBABLY**

We _____.

5. "What time did the meeting finish this morning?" **FINISHED**

The manager asked Brad _____.

6. They pay professional footballers a lot of money these days. **PAID**

Professional footballers _____.

7. "I think my dad has an interesting job," Jim said. **HAD**

Jim told me he _____.

8. You won't feel fit if you don't do some exercise every week. **UNLESS**

You won't feel fit _____.

9. I hate this rainy cold weather! It's a pity I am not on a tropical island right now. **WISH**

I hate this rainy cold weather! I _____ on a tropical island right now.

10. Steve didn't get the job because he didn't have the necessary qualifications. **WOULD**

If Steve had had the necessary qualifications, he _____.