Simple Past: Irregular verbs

Part I. Read the text and complete the blank spaces using Simple Past: Irregular verbs of the verbs in parenthesis accurately.

Mother: I am so happy to be home!

Son: I bet. So, tell us what happened?

Mother: Well, on Wednesday afternoon I **1-(see)** _____ the weather forecast on the Tv in the hotel and it **2-(say)** _____ there 3- **(be)** _____ a big storm coming.

Son: Yes, that **4-(be)**_____ when we **5-(speak)**_____.

Mother: That´s right. So, I **6-(take)**_____ a taxi to the airport straight away. I wanted to leave before the storm **7-(come)**_____.

Daughter: That was an clever idea! 8-**(do)** _____ you **9- (get)**_____ to the airport, OK?

Mother: Yes, I **10-(get)**_____ there but hundreds of other people **11-(have)**_____ the same idea. The storm arrived faster than anybody expected so there **12-(be)**_____ no flights! The road to the airport **13. (be)**_____ completely flooded, so nobody **14.(can)** _____go back into town. We **15. (get)**_____ stuck in the airport!

Son: 16. (do)_____ you **17.(think)**_____ it would be for so long!

Mother: Not at all. We all **18. (think)**_____ one night… possible two…

Daughter: 19. (Do)_____ you **20. (have)**_____ enough food?



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Simple Past Continuous





Part II. Read the text. Listen to the audio and complete the blank spaces using Simple Past Continuous based on what you heard.

Hey, look who´s here! Sis! What a surprise! Hey, I didn´t expect to see you here! Please join me! How was your day, Julia? Oh, I had an awful day.

It seemed to be a such lovely day at the beginning. I 1._____ on the balcony, drinking a cup of coffee.

The sun 2._____, someone 3._____ a violin in the street and I 4._____ a beautiful afternoon.

I 5._____ hungry, so I decided to make spaghetti. But I realized that I didn´t have any tomato sauce. So, I went to the grocery store to buy some. After buying a few items, I finally found the tomato sauce. I 6._____ the label, when the jar just slipped out of my hands and fell down. There was glass and red sauce all over the floor and splattered all over my shoes. I looked around and noticed that everyone 7._____ at me. People 8._____ and whispering to each other. Soon I noticed that I 9._____ a trail of red footprints through the store. I found a grocery store worker and let him know what I had just done. I offered to help clean it up, but he declined.

I was so embarrassed that I 10._____ even _____ where I 11._____... and I knocked over a display of chips. I 12._____ just _____ there in shock.

A manager 12._____ by me that very moment and noticed the mess I had made. I 13._____ her to be angry, but she wasn´t. She said they would take care of everything. She 14._____. Maybe she 15._____ how clumsy I was.



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TOO, ENOUGH, and NOT ENOUGH



Part III. Choose the best option based on context and grammar studied.



Hadrian's Wall is a Roman wall in the north of England. It was built by the Roman Emperor Hadrian and for centuries it was (1) big enough / enough big to stop the barbarians invading England. The Romans left Britain at the beginning of the fifth century when the Roman Empire became (2) not big enough / too big and the wall began to become a ruin. Then in the 19th century John Clayton, a local lawyer, began to rebuild the wall.

Now it is the most popular tourist attraction in the area. You cannot walk on the entire wall because it (3) is strong enough / isn't strong enough and it's (4) too old / not old enough. If you have (5) too time / enough time, you can walk next to the wall for 135km, but go in summer because in winter it's (6) too wet / wet enough!

Present Perfect or Simple Past.



Part IV: Choose Present Perfect or Simple Past based on context and grammar grammar studied.

1) I **lost – have lost** my wallet. I cannot find it anywhere. I **looked – have looked** at the bedroom but it wasn't there.
2) I **didn't sell – haven't sold** my car. I **decided – have decided** to keep it.
3) **Didn't you finish – haven't you finished** your work yet?
4) They **went – have gone** to New York. They must be having great time. Last semester I **was – have been** there and I **had – have had** wonderful time.
5) Selma **lived – has lived** in Qatar for two years. Last month she **moved – has moved** to Barcelona.
6) I **was – have been** born in Sydney but I **lived – have lived** in Canberra.
7) "**Did she help – has he helped** you with your Spanish exam?"
   "No, he **didn't – hasn't**. He is busy."
8) My father **was – has been** very busy recently.
9) We **bought – have bought** a new house. It has got a very large garden.
10) She **was – has been** a teacher when she **was – has been** 21.

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Reading comprehension



Part V. Exercise #1. Read "The Courage to be Who She Is" and write the letter on the Christmas emoji that answer questions appropriately.

In which section does the writer:

1. explain whether or not Marlee has always been deaf?
2. mention a time when Marlee was criticized by other deaf people?
3. describe an instance when Marlee's actions were doubted by the general public?
4. refer to someone who helped Marlee become an actress?
5. offer a possible reason why Marlee has achieved a lot despite her disability?
6. give an example of a joke that helped Marlee not feel embarrassed about her deafness?
7. cite a concern that Marlee's parents had about Marlee's education?
8. describe the first time that Marlee performed in public?

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"The Courage to be Who She Is"



Section A

Marlee Matlin, the only deaf performer ever to win the Oscar for Best Actress in a Leading Role, is also known worldwide as a stage and TV actor, an author, and as a spokesperson for people with hearing disabilities. Through her work and her books she has devoted her life to encouraging children and adults with hearing loss to live normal lives with normal expectations.

Section B

Born with normal hearing, Marlee suffered permanent hearing loss at 18 months from an illness with a high fever. As she approached school age, her parents were advised to send her to a specialized boarding school far from home. However, her parents felt that Marlee would be deprived of the parental contact and love essential to normal development if she didn't live at home. So instead, they put her in a public mainstream school that had both hearing and deaf students, which built her confidence to participate in activities with hearing students. At school, Marlee learned sign language, though she was encouraged to use her voice, too.

Section C

Throughout her childhood, Marlee's parents did everything they could to give her the same life she would have had if she had had normal hearing. Her family even helped Marlee develop a sense of humor about herself so she wouldn't be ashamed of her handicap. When others wondered about the strange way she pronounced some words (because she had learned to say them without ever having heard them), her brother would say she had an accent because she was from a foreign country, which made both of them laugh.

Section D

At seven, her parents enrolled her in a summer camp with both hearing and deaf children, and there she learned to use her hands to "sign" the lyrics of songs as the other children sang. Her campmates loved this, and their applause gave Marlee her first taste of the joy of performing. To encourage her, when Marlee returned home from camp, her mother enrolled her in an afterschool children's theater program (now called the International Center on Deafness and the Arts, or ICODA), where children prepared some performances in sign language and others in spoken English.

Section E

Matlin continued performing when she was in college. At one performance, the popular TV actor Henry Winkler was in the audience. Matlin approached him and said she wanted to be a famous actor like him. Winkler, who suffers from dyslexia (a reading disorder that causes difficulty in reading despite normal intelligence), empathized with Matlin and encouraged her, telling her she could be anything she wanted and not to let anything stand in her way. Winkler became a longtime mentor and friend to Matlin, helping her as she pursued her acting career.

Section F

Matlin's life hasn't been without controversy or criticism. When presenting an Oscar, she spoke the nominees' names instead of signing them, causing some deaf people to complain she was suggesting they should speak instead of signing. To comfort Matlin, African-American actor

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Whoopi Goldberg told her that once she had worn blue contact lenses just for fun and was criticized for trying to "appear white." Goldberg told Matlin not to worry about what others say and just be herself.

Section G
Matlin has never let her handicap stand in her way and has continued to surpass the expectations the public has of people who can't hear. When she competed in TV's Dancing with the Stars, people were incredulous: How could she dance if she couldn't hear the music?

Section H The key to Matlin's success may, in part, lie in the support and help others have given her— support that has enabled Matlin to be who she is, no matter what others may believe or say.

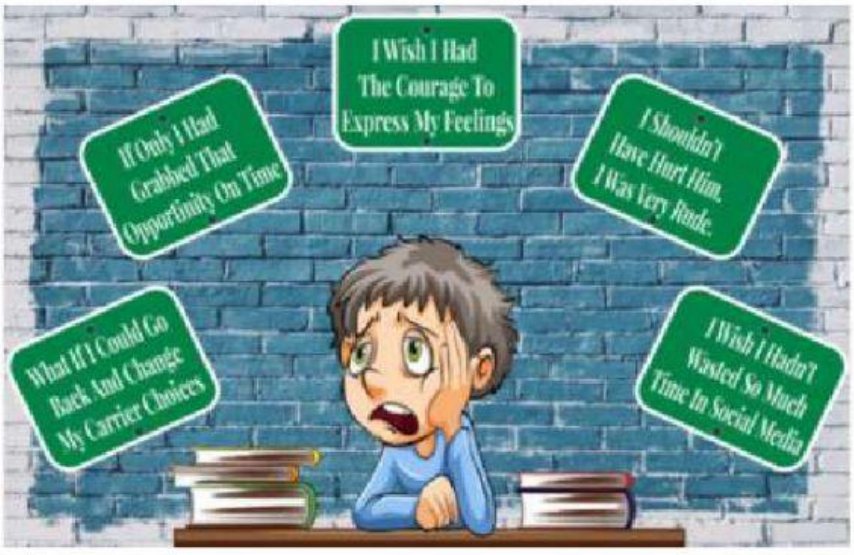


Exercise #2. Read the article. Then choose the answer that correctly completes each sentence.

Life Regrets

Members of the Martin family have regrets about choices they've made. Some of their mistakes were small, and others affected important life events. The Martin's experiences exemplify common mistakes and regrets that many people make and have.

Delilah and Greg Martin have regrets about their work lives. Delilah, 57, wishes that she had followed her passion. She feels she should have tried for her dream job, not just a job to pay the bills. Greg, 56, regrets working too much. He wishes he had spent less time at work and more time with his family and friends.



Regrets about work life can lead to regrets about relationships. In other words, some people, like Greg, regret putting work above the important people in their lives. Greg regrets hours spent at the office as well as spending too much time attached to his phone. He was lucky that he and Delilah maintained a strong relationship despite his decisions. Unlike Greg, many people have regrets when it comes to love. They regret not pursuing someone to whom they were attracted. Others wish they had developed better relationships in the past. Delilah and Greg's daughter Tara, 32, regrets getting divorced. She wishes that she and her husband had tried harder to make their marriage work. Others regret not working things out with a parent or sibling, and some regret losing touch with a good friend.

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Tara's brother Vic, 29, regrets not being more open to a new relationship. He says, "I was interested in a woman at work, but my sister was going through her divorce at the time. It affected my view of relationships, so I never asked the woman out or tried to get to know her better." Now he regrets it. He does not regret being there to support his sister, though.

Some people regret not telling a relative how they really felt about a problem in the past. Some wish they had been more honest, and hate wondering what would have happened if they had only told the truth. Others, like Delilah, wish they had shared information with a person from their past. She says, "When I was a beginning teacher, another teacher really supported me. When he had to observe my class, he clapped at the end of my lesson. It meant so much to me and gave me confidence. I really regret not letting him know how much his support meant."

People commonly regret not paying more attention to their relationships with themselves. Greg regrets not exercising more and having a better diet. He says, "I could kick myself for not being healthier and taking better care of my body. I'm trying to do it now, but it would have been easier to start when I was younger." Others wish they hadn't been so concerned about what people thought of them when they were younger.

Greg's father wishes he had taken time to help people. Roger Martin, 85, says, "I really regret being so self-centered. I always made up excuses not to help others. Now I'm not able to do as much as I used to. I don't live near my son and his family, so I pay a teenager to help me with yard work. He often stays after he's done and helps me with my computer. Now I'm able to talk with my grandkids and great-grandchild online. I just can't believe that this teen takes time out of his busy schedule to help me. I wish I had done something like that when I was younger."

There's a saying that goes "It's never too late to be who you might have been." Even if you have regrets like the Martins, the good news is that it's never too late to change!
Start doing things now that you WON'T regret in the future!

1-The article implies that people often have regrets that are _____.

nusual

similar

unimportant

2- Delilah regrets that she didn't _____ when she chose a career.

do what her parents did

follow her dream

listen to her teachers

3- Vic wishes he had _____.

told his boss how he felt about his job

helped his sister through her divorce

told a co-worker he liked her.

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4-. Delilah regrets a mistake she made with _____.

her brother

a colleague

her husband

5- As people get older, other people's opinions about them often seem _____.

Unrealistic

more caring

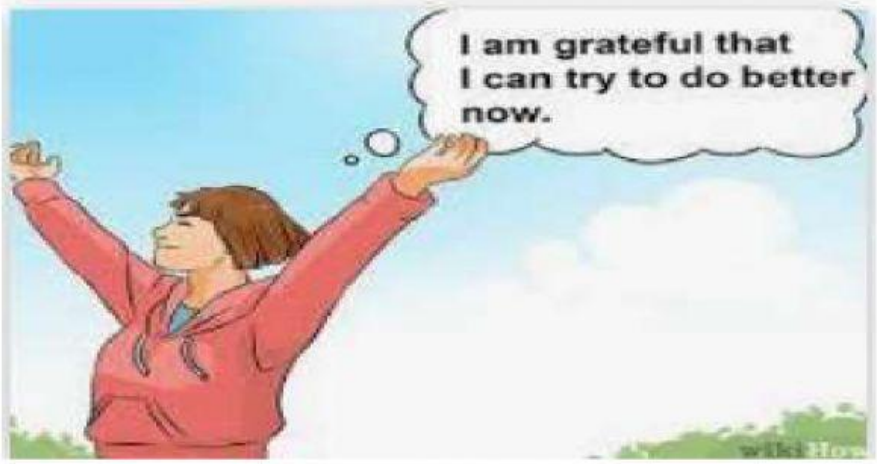
less important

6- Roger wishes he had given more _____ to others in the past.

time

money

opinions



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Written Comprehension



Part VI. Read the article and write a clear and coherent summary about the text "The Famous Hamiltons" comparing one to another. Summary must have 8 lines long and 5 different linking word from gta #4 this summary in a different color.

Two Famous Hamiltons

Laird Hamilton and Bethany Hamilton are not related to each other, but they have a lot in common. They are both famous surfers, have overcome challenges, and are heroic in different ways.

Laird Hamilton was born in 1964 in San Francisco, California, but he grew up and still lives in Hawaii. He started surfing at a very young age. Dropping out of high school, it wasn't certain what the future would hold for Laird. He started modeling and continued to surf. He was such a fantastic surfer that he became famous for the sport without ever entering a competition. In fact, he is one of the best-known surfers in the world, and he still doesn't compete. He's famous for catching huge waves and inventing new stunts, or tricks, on waves. He is a hero to many people because of his courage and fearlessness in the ocean.

In the early 1990s, he helped to create tow-in surfing. It's a way of getting further out in the ocean with a surfboard. A boat or jet ski tows the surfer with his or her board and drops him or her near a big wave. This allows people to ride bigger and better waves—ones they could not get to by paddling with their hands on their boards. In 2000, Laird was towed out to a wave off the coast of Teahupoo, Tahiti. The wave was named the Millennium Wave and thought to be the most dangerous in the world. The surfing world freaked out when Laird actually caught and rode the Millennium.

Laird brought his passion for surfing to Hollywood. He has done many stunts for actors in movies, such as Waterworld. Working as a producer, he has made a few movies, like the documentary Riding Giants, a film about himself and other surfers. In addition to working with movies, Laird gives advice to many famous athletes about health and fitness. He has also written books and magazine articles about his fitness, health, and nutrition philosophies.

Unlike Laird Hamilton, Bethany Hamilton competed as a surfer, and she began winning competitions when she was only eight years old. She was born in Hawaii in 1990 and continues to surf and live there. She was well on her way to success when she lost her arm in a shark attack in 2003. Being only 13, many people expected her to quit surfing. But quitting wasn't an option for Bethany, and she planned to fulfill her goals. She was so determined to continue surfing that she was back on a surfboard a month after the attack. No matter what others said, she knew she could pursue her dreams. And she was right. A year after the attack, she won her first national medal. In 2007, she became a professional surfer and has won many competitions since. Amazingly, she doesn't compete with people with handicaps even though she surfs with only one arm.

In 2004, Bethany wrote an autobiography called Soul Surfer, and it was turned into a movie in 2011. There was also a 2007 documentary about her accident and recovery. Bethany wrote a fitness book in 2014, and she has been on many TV shows, including The Amazing Race. She has inspired surfers, athletes, and everyday people with her story of courage and confidence. Bethany also does public speaking events during which she inspires people around the world.

Both Hamiltons are heroes because of their accomplishments in surfing. But they're also heroic because they help others. Not only do they inspire others through their books and speaking engagements, but

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