

Grammar Practice for Exam – Unit 1

Grammar Rules (page 160 textbook)

Past Simple	Past Progressive
USE	
We use the Past Simple to talk about: - things that happened in the past. <i>They studied for their test last night.</i> - a series of events in the past that happened one after the other. <i>I bought the gift, wrapped it and gave it to my friend.</i>	We use the Past Progressive to talk about: - a long continuous action in the past. <i>She was waiting for hours.</i> - a long continuous action which was interrupted by another action. <i>We were shopping when the storm began.</i> - two long continuous actions happening at the same time in the past. <i>He was playing while we were watching TV.</i>
FORM	
Statements	
Subject + verb+ed / irregular verb I, You, He, She, It, We, They prepared a picnic. I, You, He, She, It, We, They knew the answer.	Subject + be + verb+ing I, He, She, It was eating. We, You, They were eating.
Negative Statements	
Subject + did not (didn't) + verb I, You, He, She, It, We, They did not eat dinner. (didn't)	Subject + be + not + verb+ing I, He, She, It was not (wasn't) traveling. We, You, They were not (weren't) traveling.
Yes / No Questions	
Did + subject + verb Did I, you, he, she, it, we, they go to a movie?	Be + subject + verb+ing Was I, he, she, it working? Were we, you, they working?
Wh- Questions	
Wh- word + did + subject + verb Why did I, you, he, she, it, we, they stop?	Wh- word + be + subject + verb+ing Why was I, he, she, it sleeping? What were we, you, they doing?
Wh- Subject Questions	
Wh- word + verb+ed / irregular verb What happened? Who broke it?	Wh- word + be + verb+ing Who was driving? What was going on?
Time Expressions	
We may use these time expressions with the Past Simple: yesterday a week / month / year ago last week / month / year in 1960, in the 19th century when I was ...	We often use the following time expressions with the Past Progressive: while as

1. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple and Past Progressive.

1. The sky was (be) gray all day. It was raining (rain).
2. While I (water) the flowers, Gary the grass.
3. Darren (wait) for the bus when his mum (drive) by.
4. Why you (walk) down High Street yesterday?
5. The dog (jump) over the fence and (run away).
6. Alice and Ed (not study) for the history test yesterday at 8 o'clock. I (see) them at the mall.

2. David went to a rafting (רפטינג) camp in California. Complete his blog entries with the correct form of the verb in brackets. Use the Past Simple or Progressive.

My Blog by David Rom 32 comments so far

DAY 1, JUNE 25

We ¹ landed (land) in San Francisco after our long flight. We were met by our instructors, Jim and Kate, who ² (take) us to our campsite. While we ³ (drive), we ⁴ (enjoy) the amazing scenery. It ⁵ (get) dark when we arrived at the camp, so Jim and Kate ⁶ (put) us into two groups. While my group ⁷ (put up) the tents, the other group ⁸ (prepare) a delicious supper of noodles and corn.

DAY 2, JUNE 26

After breakfast, J&K (that's what the group has decided to call them!) ⁹ (teach) us how to use our rafts⁶. Then we went to the Merced River. When I ¹⁰ (see) how fast the river ¹¹ (flow), I was a bit scared. Soon after we put the rafts into the water, the action ¹² (start)! As we were paddling over the rocks, the water ¹³ (splash) us from all sides. It was really scary, but it was also exciting and a lot of fun. We ¹⁴ (spend) three hours on the river! It's late now and I'm too tired to write anymore. I'll continue my blog tomorrow.



סירות / מרפלות rafts

3. Complete the passage with the correct form of verb in brackets. Using the Past Simple or Progressive.

Last Friday, Uncle Ted ¹ invited (invite) me to go fishing with him. I ² (leave) home early because I didn't want to be late. While I ³ (ride) my bike to the beach, I saw lots of dark clouds in the sky. When I got to the beach, my uncle ⁴ (wait) for me. I ⁵ (climb) onto the boat and we set off. At about 2 o'clock the weather changed. Soon it was raining heavily and the wind ⁶ (blow) hard. Then a huge wave ⁷ (hit) the boat and I fell into the water. Luckily, I ⁸ (wear) a life jacket at the time. After I got back into the boat, we ⁹ (go) home. I'm sorry that I didn't catch any fish, but I am very happy that I ¹⁰ (get) home safely!