

Reading Comprehension Activities (Past Tense)

1. Change the verbs into the past tense whenever is needed.

A bad day

What a day I have yesterday! My alarm clock don't ring so I overslept. I wake up at ten o'clock with a terrible toothache. I suddenly remember I have an appointment with the dentist at quarter past ten. I run out of the house and down the street. Then I see some girls laughing at me. I look down and I realize I am still in my pyjama trousers. I run back home, but then I find I don't have my keys. I get a ladder from the garage and start to climb up to my bedroom window. But the ladder is very old and it break. I fall off and break my leg. Now I'm in a hospital. My tooth still hurts and my leg hurts too. Yesterday, my day is not good at all.

2. Re-write the text using the past tense.

Mom's busy day

My mom usually starts her day at eight o'clock because she has a lot of things to do every day. First she has a shower and then she has breakfast. She drinks orange juice cereal and toasts. After she eats her breakfast she prepares her family's breakfast because they wake up late. At about nine o'clock she leaves the house, takes us to school and goes to work. She works in a music shop in Madrid. The shop opens at ten o'clock. She works all morning and then she has lunch at half past one, in a café. The shop closes at five o'clock and she goes home. When mom arrives home she does the daily household tasks- make the beds, iron, vacuum, clean and cook. In the evening we have dinner. After dinner, mom helps us with homework and we go to bed at half past ten. Mom goes to bed at midnight so she has time to watch TV or use the computer. Her routine is different at the weekend. On Saturday afternoon she has some time out and she goes shopping. She loves buying makeup and clothes. On Saturday night she and dad often go out with some friends. She loves to dance. They always have a great time.