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Reading: Maria's English Learning Journey

Last year, Maria decided to improve her English with the help of technology. At first, she didn't know which apps were useful, but she wanted to find a fun way to learn.

One evening, while she was browsing the internet, she found a free vocabulary app. She installed it on her smartphone and started using it every day. While she was playing a vocabulary game, her phone suddenly stopped working. Maria restarted it, and everything worked again!

Maria also watched short English videos and listened to English songs. One day, while she was searching for a video about her favourite singer, her friend sent her a link to an online English lesson. Maria connected to the lesson and met students from other countries. They practised speaking and helped each other learn new words.

Since then, Maria has learned lots of new words and has improved her pronunciation. She has also become more confident when she speaks English. She hasn't forgotten how useful technology can be!

Now Maria uses her favourite apps regularly. She has already updated her vocabulary app, and she has saved many new words on her phone. Learning English with technology has become an important part of her life.



Grammar Focus: Before Reading

- **Past Simple:** We use it for finished actions in the past.
- **Past Continuous:** We use it for actions in progress at a particular time in the past.
- **Present Perfect:** We use it for past actions that have a result or connection to the present.

Task 1. While reading — Find the tenses

Read Maria's story again. Find and write down in the lines below:

3 verbs in the Past Simple:

2 verbs in the Past Continuous:

3 verbs in the Present Perfect:

Task 2. Past Simple or Past Continuous?

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

While Maria (browse) the internet, she
(find) a vocabulary app.

She (play) a vocabulary game when her phone suddenly
..... (stop) working.

While she (search) for a video, her friend
(send) her a link.

Maria (restart) her phone, and everything
(work) again.

While Maria (watch) an English video, she
(write) down new words.

Task 3. Past Simple or Present Perfect?

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple or the Present Perfect.

Last year, Maria (decide) to improve her English with the help
of technology.

She (find) a free vocabulary app while she was browsing the
internet.

Since then, Maria (learn) lots of new words.

She (update) her vocabulary app yesterday.

Maria (become) more confident when she speaks English.

Task 4. Choose the correct tense

Circle or underline the correct verb form in each sentence.

Last year, Maria **(decided / has decided)** to improve her English.

While she **(browsed / was browsing)** the internet, she found an app.

Her phone **(stopped / has stopped)** working yesterday.

Since then, she **(learned / has learned)** lots of new words.

Maria **(has already updated / already updated)** her app.

While she was searching for a video, her friend **(sent / was sending)** her a link.