

# UNIT 18

## I. USE OF ENGLISH

### Past Tense Progressive, Past Tense Simple and Progressive, Verbs with Two Objects

**1. Complete each sentence with a suitable time expression given below:**  
*ago, in, last week, at, when, while*

- Two burglars broke into the house ... we were watching television.
- What were you doing ... the police officer knocked on the door?
- ... I met an old friend of mine in the city centre.
- Most of the young people left this village a long time ...

**2. Rewrite each sentence according to the instructions given:**

- e.g. I enjoyed the concert (negative). *I didn't enjoy the concert.*
- Robert liked the party (question). ...
  - You ate all the bread (question). ...
  - Did Richard spend a lot? (affirmative). ...

**3. Finish the following sentences with a verb in the Past Tense Simple:**

- e.g. Angela was studying Spanish when I met her.
- The Roberts were living in the country when ...
  - Mr. Martin was teaching Physics when ...
  - We were taking piano lessons when ...
  - Michael was learning Romanian when ...

**4. Insert the Past Simple or Past Continuous:**

- She heard him sigh while he ... (to read).
- He ... her as she ... slowly ... toward the door (to call, to go).
- The water ... brightly as it ... (to shine, to flow).
- While she ... the tea he ... her (to make, to watch).
- He ... with the closest attention while she ... (to listen, to read).

**5. Read the sentence about the present and then turn it into a sentence about the past.**

- e.g. Tom usually gets up at 7.30. Yesterday he *got up* at 7.30
- John usually wakes up early. Yesterday morning ...
  - Sue usually walks to work. Yesterday ...
  - Mary is usually late for work. Yesterday ...
  - Joanna usually has a sandwich for lunch. Yesterday ...
  - Adrian usually goes out in the evening. Yesterday evening ...

f. Billy usually sleeps very well. Last night ...

**6. Use the verbs below in the Past Simple to fill in the blanks in each sentence:**

*hurt teach spend sell throw fall catch buy cost*

e.g. I was hungry, so I *bought* something to eat in the shop.

- a. Tom's father ... him how to drive when he was 17.
- b. Don ... down the stairs this morning and ... his leg.
- c. We needed some money so we ... our car.
- d. Ann ... a lot of money yesterday. She ... a dress which ... 50 pounds.
- e. Jim ... the ball to Sue who ... it.

**7. A friend has just come back from holiday and you are asking her/him about it. Write questions using the words given:**

e.g. where/ go? *Where did you go?*  
food/ good *Was the food good?*

- a. how long/stay there?.....
- b. stay at a hotel?.....
- c. go alone?.....
- d. how/travel?.....
- e. the weather/fine?.....
- f. what/do in the evenings?.....
- g. meet any interesting people?.....

**8. Put the verbs into the correct form:**

e.g. I *didn't go* (not/go) to work yesterday because I *wasn't* (not/be) very well.

- a. Tom ... (not/shave) this morning because he ... (not/have) time.
- b. We ... (not/eat) anything because we ... (not/be) hungry.
- c. I ... (not/rush) because I ... (not/be) in a hurry.
- d. She ... (not/be) interested in the book because she ... (not/understand) it.

**9. Here is a list of things that Joanna did yesterday. Write sentences saying what she was doing at these times:**

AM

- 8.45-9.15 had breakfast
- 9.15-10.00 read the newspaper
- 10.00-12.00 cleaned her flat



PM

- 12.45-1.30 had lunch
- 2.30-3.30 washed clothes
- 4.00-6.00 watched television

e.g. At 9 o'clock *she was having breakfast.*

- a. At 9.30 she .....
- b. At 11 o'clock .....
- c. At 1 o'clock .....
- d. At 3 o'clock .....
- e. At 5 o'clock .....

**10. Combine the two sentences into one by using the Past Progressive where possible:**

e.g. It rained. Lightning struck the tree.  
*It was raining when lightning struck the tree.*

- a. I sat by the window. I heard the sound .....
- b. The man looked at the house. The reporter took his picture.....
- c. I looked out of the window. I saw a flash of light.....
- d. They had a small house. They wanted a bigger one.....
- e. It was 8 o'clock in the evening. Ann talked to her guests.....
- f. We needed more room. We added another room to the house.....
- g. Mother cooked dinner. Father washed the dishes.....

**11. State which are direct objects and which are indirect objects in the following sentences:**

- a. The boy gave his little brother a nice apple.
- b. Tell somebody else this funny story.
- c. Don't forget to buy your sister the new record.
- d. Pass him the bread.
- e. Fetch her a chair.
- f. Show the children this wonderful picture-book.
- g. Send her my regards.
- h. Make me some coffee before I leave, please.
- i. Send them a present on my behalf too.

**II. WRITING**

**12. Think about a TV programme that you saw. Write an essay, in which you use the Past Tense or Past Tense Progressive. Tell your friends about the TV programme and ask them if they have seen it.**

←	→
YES	NO
↓	↓
Did they share your views?	1. Did they hear about this TV programme? 2. What information would you give them about the TV programme you intend to write about?