

Lesson Two

Lesson objectives:

- To practise past simple, past continuous and 'used to'

RECAP

Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the past simple, past continuous, or *used to*. More than one answer may be possible.



I only ever ¹*met* _____ (meet) one of my grandparents, and that was my dad's mother. We ² _____ (see) her every Sunday afternoon when I was little. One day, my granny ³ _____ (look after) me while my parents ⁴ _____ (visit) a friend in hospital.

In the morning, I ⁵ _____ (play) in the garden, while my granny ⁶ _____ (cook) lunch. She ⁷ _____ (call) me when the meal was ready. Unfortunately, as I ⁸ _____ (run) into the kitchen I ⁹ _____ (catch) my little finger in the door and pulled off the nail. It ¹⁰ _____ (hurt) a lot, but I was more upset because I ¹¹ _____ (not think) the nail would grow again. However, my granny patiently ¹² _____ (explain) that I would soon have a new fingernail. After that, I ¹³ _____ (look forward to) seeing her every Sunday, so that I ¹⁴ _____ (can) show her how my nail ¹⁵ _____ (progress).

I only ever ¹met _____ (meet) one of my grandparents, and that was my dad's mother. We ²used to see/ saw _____ (see) her every Sunday afternoon when I was little. One day, my granny ³was looking after _____ (look after) me while my parents ⁴were visiting _____ (visit) a friend in hospital.

In the morning, I ⁵played _____ (play) in the garden, while my granny ⁶was cooking _____ (cook) lunch. She ⁷called _____ (call) me when the meal was ready. Unfortunately, as I ⁸was running _____ (run) into the kitchen I ⁹caught _____ (catch) my little finger in the door and pulled off the nail. It ¹⁰hurt _____ (hurt) a lot, but I was more upset because I ¹¹didn't think _____ (not think) the nail would grow again. However, my granny patiently ¹²explained _____ (explain) that I would soon have a new fingernail. After that, I ¹³used to look forward _____ (look forward to) seeing her every Sunday, so that I ¹⁴could _____ (can) show her how my nail ¹⁵was progressing _____ (progress).

Past Continuous

- Complete the conversations with the correct form of the verbs in brackets: past simple, past continuous, or *used to*.

1

Ben Helen, do you recognize that woman over there?
I think we ¹used to go (go) to school with her.

Helen Oh, yes. That's Clare Brown! She looks so different.
She ²_____ (have) much longer hair.

Ben Yes, and she ³_____ (not wear) glasses.

Helen I wonder what she's doing these days.
The last time I ⁴_____ (see) her, she
⁵_____ (work) as a teacher.

Ben What subject ⁶_____ (she / teach)?

Helen I'm not sure. Shall we go and say hello?



2

Evie What ⁷ _____ (you / think) of the exam, Oliver?

Oliver Well, I ⁸ _____ (be) good at maths when I was at primary school, but I ⁹ _____ (find) the exam today really difficult. How about you?

Evie Me too. And I ¹⁰ _____ (not have) enough time to answer all the questions.

Oliver Yeah, I ¹¹ _____ (still / write) when the teacher ¹² _____ (say) 'Stop'.

Evie Oh, well. Let's just hope we both pass.



3

Tom Welcome back, Justin. How was the skiing trip?

Justin Not so great. Unfortunately, my wife
¹³ _____ (break) her leg on the first day.

Tom Oh, that's terrible. How ¹⁴ _____
(it / happen)?

Justin Well, the funny thing is, she ¹⁵ _____
(not ski) at the time! She ¹⁶ _____ (fall)
over in the hotel when we ¹⁷ _____
(walk) down the stairs to go to breakfast.

Tom Oh no! What a shame!



3A past simple, past continuous, or *used to*?

2 used to have 3 didn't use to wear 4 saw 5 was working

6 did she teach / did she use to teach 7 did you think


8 was / used to be 9 found 10 didn't have

11 was still writing 12 said 13 broke 14 did it happen

15 wasn't skiing 16 fell 17 were walking

7 SPEAKING

With a partner, do the tasks in each section. Try to use good sentence rhythm.



I don't like this place.

EVENTS IN YOUR LIFE

Ask and answer past simple questions.

- 1 Where you born? (be)
Where you when you a child? (live, be)
- 2 How old you when you primary school? (be, start)
 you your first day? (enjoy)
What you ? (do)
- 3 When the first time you abroad? (be, travel)
Where you ? (go)

Where were you born?) (*I was born in a small town called Morella.*

Write true sentences about you at different stages of your life.

1 *When I was a baby, I used to cry a lot.* _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____
