

The Saturday Disaster

It was Saturday morning and the sun was shining brightly. I woke up at 7 a.m. and got dressed quickly. My mum was making pancakes in the kitchen, and my dad was reading the newspaper. As they were very busy, they didn't notice what I was doing. I grabbed my backpack and ran to school.

When I arrived, the gate was closed and the building was empty. Only the janitor was working in the garden. I was feeling confused. "Why is nobody here?" I asked. He looked at me and laughed.

"It's Saturday, Tom!"

Well, I was dreaming when my alarm rang!

Comprehension Questions:

1. What day of the week was it in the story?
2. What time did the boy wake up?
3. What were his parents doing while he was getting ready?
4. What did the boy do after getting dressed?
5. Why didn't his parents stop him from going to school?
6. How did the boy feel when he arrived at school?
7. What did the janitor say to the boy?
8. What was the surprising twist at the end of the story?

Grammar Focus:

- a. Find two verbs in the Past Continuous from the story.
- b. Find two verbs in the Past Simple from the story.
- c. Underline Past Simple verbs in **red** and Past Continuous verbs in **green**.
- d. Discuss:
 - What happened first? (Past Simple – main actions)
 - What was happening in the background? (Past Continuous)

Appendix 2 – Matching Exercise

1. The sun was shining and the children were playing in the park.
2. My teacher was talking when I entered.
3. I bought a new car last year.
4. They were playing football at 6 p.m.
5. She didn't wash the dishes last night.
6. We were playing when he found a golden ring.

- A. Background action
- B. An action in progress at a specific moment in the past
- C. An action that was happening when another action interrupted it
- D. Completed action in the past

PAST SIMPLE	PAST CONTINUOUS
3-D	

Appendix 3

Task: Underline the correct verb form in each sentence.

1. I (**was walking / walked**) to school when I (**saw / was seeing**) my best friend.
2. She (**watched / was watching**) TV while her brother (**played / was playing**) video games.
3. We (**had / were having**) dinner when the lights (**went / were going**) out.
4. They (**played / were playing**) football at 5 p.m. yesterday.
5. While I (**got dressed / was getting dressed**), my mum (**made / was making**) breakfast.
6. He (**fell / was falling**) asleep during the film.
7. The children (**ran / were running**) around the garden when it (**started / was starting**) to rain.
8. I (**heard / was hearing**) a strange noise while I (**was walking / walked**) through the forest.
9. What (**did you do / were you doing**) when I (**called / was calling**) you last night?
10. The sun (**shone / was shining**) and the birds (**sang / were singing**). It was a perfect morning.

Fill in the blanks with the following words:

didn't see, jumped out, office, Suddenly, knocking over, was getting ready, head

Text:

Yesterday morning, I _____ for school when I noticed something strange—my cat, Muffin, was sitting in my backpack! I _____ her jump in. While I was walking to school, she kept poking her head out. Everyone was staring when I entered the classroom. _____, Muffin _____ and ran straight to the principal's _____.! While the teachers were chasing her, she was climbing the curtains and _____ books. I was trying not to laugh, but then she sat on the principal's _____.!

Instructions:

Write a similar story. Change

- the time of day
- the name of the animal
- the place it goes to
- the animal

Appendix 4 – Gap-Fill Story: “The Day My Cat Went to School”

Fill in the blanks with the following words:

didn't see, jumped out, office, Suddenly, knocking over, was getting ready, head

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Instructions:

Write a similar story. Change

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