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General Pre Intermediate

Homework - Unit 3: Good news,
bad news!



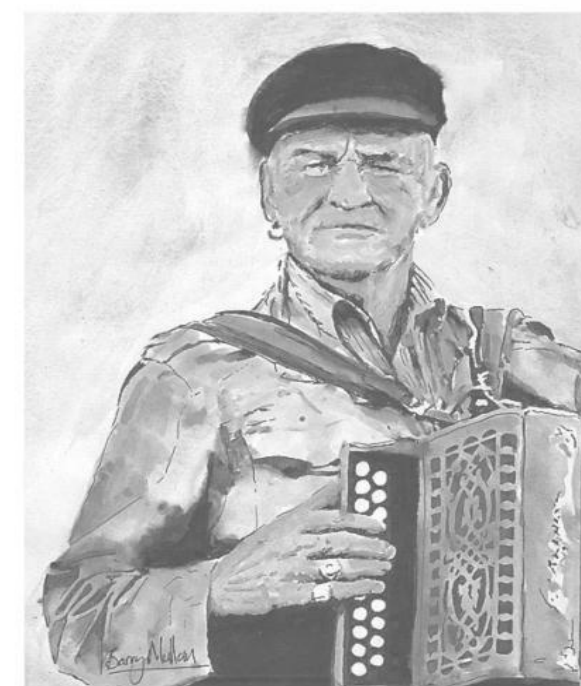
Language focus - Past Simple

Positive

1. Complete the text with the regular or irregular Past Simple form of the verbs below.

drink | decide | agree | make | buy | ring | become | set off | love | say | win | have | go | ask | want

The King of Tory Island



Round Ireland... with a fridge?!

There are many ways to travel round Ireland – by car, coach, train, or bike. One man

1. chose to hitchhike* round Ireland, but he had a very unusual travelling companion – a fridge!

On a Saturday night in the middle of winter, Florence Hawks, a British comedian, was having dinner with some old friends.

They 2. _____ too much red wine, and the conversation became wilder and wilder. At the end of the night he 3. _____ crazy bet with his friend, Kris. He 4. _____ to hitchhike around Ireland in one month with a fridge! The bet was only for £100.

The next day, Kris 5. _____ Florence and said he could forget the bet. However, Florence loved the silliness of the idea, and he 6. _____ to do it!

The next month, Florence 7. _____ a small fridge. He was ready for his Irish adventure!

The trip

Florence 8. _____ from Cavan in Ireland. It wasn't long before a local radio DJ 9. _____ interested in Florence's unusual challenge.

He 10. _____ Florence to call the radio show every morning and share his travel stories with the listeners. The Irish people 11. _____ hearing about his travels and wanted to help him win his bet. They called him "the Fridge Man".

Not surprisingly, Florence and his fridge 12. _____ some interesting adventures. They had tea with the king of Tory Island, a tiny Irish-speaking island off the coast of Donegal. Florence 13. _____ to win the princess's hand in marriage with a bunch of flowers, but unfortunately the princess was away. He also 14. _____ surfing with Bingo, one of Ireland's champion surfers. Bingo 15. _____ the fridge was a better surfer than Florence!

Florence loved the warmth and generosity of the Irish people. He found it amazing that a small fridge could bring so many people together. And he 16. _____ the bet!

hitchhike: to travel by getting free lifts from passing cars

1. **chose to hitchhike*** round Ireland, but he had a very unusual travelling companion - a fridge!



Questions

2. Write the following questions about Florence Hawks.

1. 'What did Florence travel round Ireland with?' - 'A fridge.'
2. 'Who _____ with?' - 'His friend, Kris.'
3. 'How long _____ the journey _____?' - 'It took one month.'
4. 'How much _____ for?' - '£100.'
5. 'Why _____ he decide _____?' - 'Because he loved the silliness of the idea.'
6. 'Where _____ from?' - 'Cavan.'
7. 'What _____?' - 'The Fridge Man.'
8. 'Who _____ with?' - 'The king of Tory Island.'

Negatives and short answers

3. Correct the information.

1. Florence met his friends on a Friday night.
Florence didn't meet his friends on a Friday night.
He met them on a Saturday night.
2. Florence drank too much beer.
3. He had six weeks to complete the bet.
4. The bet was for £1,000.
5. During his trip, Florence went skydiving.

4. Answer the questions with short answers.

1. 'Did he travel with a washing machine?'
'No, he didn't.'
2. 'Did he travel round Scotland?'

3. 'Did he meet lots of friendly people on his trip?'

4. 'Did he get married?'

5. 'Did he go surfing?'

6. 'Did he lose the auction?'

5. This is what you saw when you arrived at work yesterday. Write sentences in the Past Continuous.

When I arrived at work ...

1. Elena and Mark / chat / next to / photocopier.
Elena and Mark were chatting next to the photocopier.
2. Owen eat / cake.
3. Martin / drink / coffee.
4. Molly / shop / online.
5. Andy and Matt / talk / last night's match.

6. Complete the questions about the people in the picture.

1. 'Who _____ Claude _____ to?' 'Ellie.'
2. 'What _____ Penny _____?' 'A cake.'
3. 'What _____ you _____ Molly?' 'A new dress.'
4. 'What _____ you _____ to Matt about, Andy?' 'The match.'

7. Complete the negative sentences.

1. Martin wasn't drinking (not drink) tea.
2. Claude and Ellie _____ (not use) the photocopier.
3. Molly _____ (not do) any work.
4. Andy and Matt _____ (not talk) about work.



8. Read the three stories. Put the phrases in the box in the correct place in the stories

- a. and was waiting for him at the finish line
- b. who were all watching its final journey
- c. because he was going to visit his mother
- d. while travelling at 141,600 kilometres per hour
- e. who was driving dangerously
- f. while he was running

City Herald

Tuesday, 15 October 2025

LOCAL NEWS

Blind Driver Arrested

Police in Kentucky stopped a 31-year-old man, Daniel McCarthy, 1. _____, and then discovered he was blind.

'He had his dog with him,' said police spokesman Melvyn Kittburg. McCarthy said he only recently lost his sight.

He knew the road very well 2. _____.

His dog was trained to bark once at a red light and twice at a green light.

McCarthy lost his driving licence.



City Herald

Wednesday, 15 Oct 2025

SPORTS • HUMAN SPIRIT

The 100-Year-Old Marathon Runner

Fauja Singh became the first 100-year-old to finish a marathon when he completed the Toronto Waterfront marathon in 8 hours 11 minutes and 5.9 seconds.

He drank lots of water 3. _____, and he never took a rest.

Fauja was exhausted after the race, and said the last six miles were the most difficult.

His 75-year-old son came to the race 4. _____.

Fauja started running at the age of 89 after the deaths of his wife, son and daughter.

It gave him a reason to live.



City Herald

Thursday, 16 Oct 2025

SCIENCE & SPACE

Death of a Spacecraft: Cassini Ends at Saturn

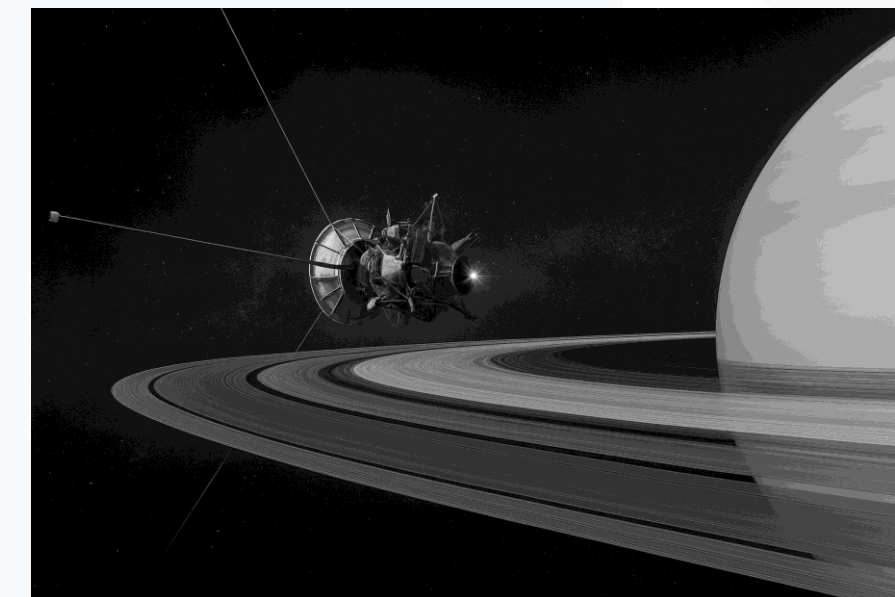
NASA's Cassini spacecraft ended its 20-year mission when it dived into Saturn.

Cassini, a man-made meteor, hit Saturn at 11.30 a.m. UK time 5. _____.

This moment marked the end of an eight-billion-kilometre journey.

NASA scientists and engineers, 6. _____, were very emotional.

Many of them were at NASA 20 years ago when Cassini started its journey.



9. Write the verbs once in the Past Simple and once in the Past Continuous.

have

1. 'I went to Liam's party last night'

"Did you have a good time?"

2. 'They were having dinner when the doorbell rang.'

_____.

talk

3. 'You were on the phone for ages! Who _____ you _____ to?'

4. 'I had a problem with my neighbor, but I _____ to him and it's OK now.'

live

5. 'I _____ in India when I was a child.'

6. 'I _____ in India when I met my wife.'

wear

7. 'When I saw Bella, she _____ a beautiful red dress - she looked stunning.'

8. 'What _____ you _____ for your interview yesterday?' 'A suit and tie.'

rain

9. 'When I left the house, it _____ so I took my umbrella.'

10. 'Did you have good weather for your wedding?'

'No, it _____ all day, but it didn't matter.'

The 'White Mouse'

10. Read the introduction to the text about Dora Waker.

1. Who was she?
2. What nickname did the Gestapo give her?

Dora Waker – soldier and spy

Dora Waker was a World War II soldier and spy. During the war the Gestapo gave her the nickname the 'White Mouse' because she was so difficult to catch.

Dora was born in New Zealand, but she **1. was growing up / grew up** in Australia. At the age of 20, she left Australia and travelled to London, New York, and Paris. She settled down in France and married a Frenchman, Henri Fiocca. They **2. were living / lived** in Marseille when the war started. Dora joined the French Resistance and helped a lot of people escape the country. The Gestapo **3. was finding / found out** about Dora and she **4. was becoming / became** their most wanted person.

They looked for the 'White Mouse' everywhere, but she managed to escape from France to the UK. Her husband **5. was preparing / prepared** to join her in London, but unfortunately, the Gestapo **6. were finding / found** him and shot him.

When Dora got to England, she joined the Special Operations Executive (SOE) and became a fully trained agent in only eight months. After her training, she went to France on a mission. Soon, Dora **7. was fighting / fought** with the men in some of the fiercest battles.

'I liked that kind of thing,' she said.

Dora was a cool character. One day, while she **8. was eating / ate** her breakfast, she **9. was ordering / ordered** a soldier to shoot an enemy spy.

'It didn't put me off my breakfast,' she said!

After the liberation of France, Dora **10. was returning / returned** to London.

She received nine medals from the British, French, and American governments, including the George Medal, the Croix de Guerre, and the Medaille de la Resistance.

She died on August 7, 2011, three weeks before her 99th birthday.



11. Fill in the questions and write the answers.

1. Where / Dora / born?

Where was Dora born?

In New Zealand.

2. When / leave / Australia?

_____?

_____.

3. Where / live / when the war started?

_____?

_____.

4. Why / the Gestapo / want to find her?

_____?

_____.

5. Where / go / after the liberation of France?

_____?

_____.

6. How many / medals / receive?

_____?

_____.

put somebody off → make somebody dislike something

Adverbs

1. Find the verb and adverb pairs.

Verb	Adverb
1. drive	a. regularly
2. work	b. passionately
3. wait	c. clearly
4. exercise	d. slowly
5. explain	e. brightly
6. fight	f. patiently
7. shine	g. hard
8. love	h. bravely

2. Use the correct verb–adverb combination from 1.

- 1. It’s very icy, please _____. The roads are really dangerous.
- 2. Zoe _____ really _____ for her exams, and passed them all.
- 3. I have a really good science teacher. He always _____ things so _____.
- 4. The sun _____ brightly when we left home this morning, but by lunchtime it was raining.
- 5. Alex and Priya _____ each other so _____.
- 6. My dog, Luna, _____ for me outside the supermarket while I went shopping.
- 7. The defenders _____ against the attackers.
- 8. I want to be healthy and fit so I _____.

have + noun

have is often used with a noun to express an action.
I was **having a shower** when the phone rang.
We **had** lunch in an Italian restaurant.
Notice that we don't use a with meals.
I **had breakfast** and went to work.

3. Complete the sentences with a form of have and a noun from below.

an argument | a look | a dream | a swim | a word | a shower
a break | a good time | a drink

- 1. I couldn't sleep last night. My neighbors had an argument, and I could hear every word.
- 2. I was tired when I got home, so I _____ washed my hair and went to bed.
- 3. It's so hot! I think I'll _____ in the pool before lunch.
- 4. ‘I went to a festival last night.’
‘Oh! Was it good? Did you _____?’
- 5. I _____ about you last night. I dreamt you were the CEO.
- 6. Can I _____ at your wedding photos?
- 7. Are you thirsty? Would you like to _____?
- 8. I need a tea. Can we _____ soon?
- 9. Can I _____ with you? There's something I need to talk to you about.

Saying When

1. Complete the conversations with in, at, on or - (no preposition).

1. **A:** What time does the film start?

B: At half past seven.

2. **A:** When were you born?

B: I was born ____ 2011.

3. **A:** Hooray! It's Friday! Nearly the weekend!

B: I can't wait to finish work. I'm going out ____ this evening.

4. **A:** My driving test is ____ Tuesday.

B: Good luck!

5. **A:** What did you do ____ the weekend?

B: I went to a birthday party ____ Sunday night. It was amazing!

6. **A:** We always go on holiday ____ October.

B: We usually go away ____ summer. We visit my family in Canada.

7. **A:** You look tired. Did you go to bed late ____ last night?

B: Yeah. I went out with friends and didn't get home until three o'clock ____ the morning.

2. Complete the conversation with words from below.

in | at (x2) | on (x2) | last | ago | when

A: When's your birthday?

B: It's **1.** ____ on 13 August.

A: What year were you born?

B: I was born **2.** ____ 2000. When's your birthday?

A: It was a couple of weeks **3.** ____, actually.

B: Really? What did you do **4.** ____ your birthday?

A: Not much. **5.** ____ I was 21, I had a huge party with fireworks **6.** ____ midnight, and **7.** ____ year we went to a club, but this year was very quiet.

B: We're having a party for Sally's birthday. It's next Saturday **8.** ____ 8.00. Do you want to come?

A: Great! I'd love to!

Grammar

1. Complete the table.

	Past Simple	Past Continuous
1. study	studied	was/were studying
2. live		
3. ring		
4. leave		
5. plan		
6. try		
7. travel		
8. make		

2. Underline the correct form of the verb in *italics* in the text.

One day, Rey Clements **1.** *was walking / walked* along the High Street. It was hot so she decided to take off her coat. While she **2.** *was taking it off / took it off*, her phone **3.** *was starting / started to* ring. She **4.** *was opening / opened* her bag to answer it.

The phone **5.** *was ringing / rang* loudly, but she couldn't find it anywhere. She **6.** *was putting / put* her bag down on a bench.

Suddenly, a man **7.** *was appearing / appeared* from nowhere. He **8.** *was picking up / picked up* her bag and **9.** *was running / ran* down the road with it.

A policeman **10.** *was stopping / stopped* him because the phone **11.** *was still ringing / still rang*, and he wanted to know why the man didn't answer it!

Vocabulary

3. Rewrite the sentence using the opposite adverb.

- 1. I went to bed late.
I didn't go to bed early.
- 2. My brother can't type very fast.
He _____.
- 3. I don't sleep heavily.
I sleep _____.
- 4. Mylo drives dangerously.
He doesn't _____.
- 5. Don't speak so loudly.
Can you _____?