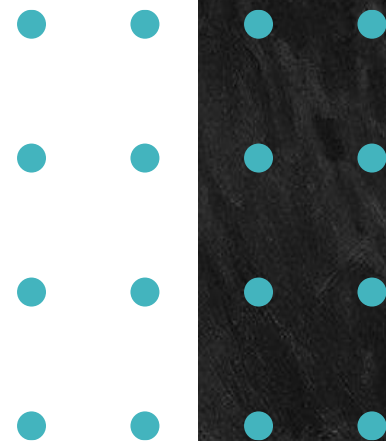


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General Intermediate

Homework - Unit 4: Tales of the unexpected



Recognizing tenses

1. Read the story. Why is there a question mark after the title?

2. Read the story again. Put the verbs in *italics> in the correct place in the chart.*

Past tenses	
Past Simple (x5)	
Past Continuous (x4)	
Past Simple passive (x2)	
Past Perfect (x2)	
Past Perfect continuous (x1)	



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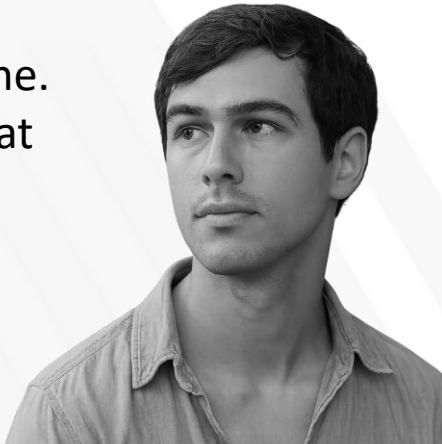
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Forming the tenses

3. Use the information in the story to complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in bold.

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| visit | 1. PAST CONTINUOUS - Brigit _____ London for the first time. |
| | 2. PAST PERFECT - She ____ never _____ London before. |
| wear | 3. PAST SIMPLE - Theo _____ headphones when Brigit saw him. |
| | 4. PAST CONTINUOUS - He said he always _____ headphones on the Tube. |
| wait | 5. PAST CONTINUOUS - Brigit _____ for news back home in Norway when Theo phoned. |
| | 6. PAST PERFECT - She _____ only _____ a few days when Theo got in touch. |
| see | 7. PAST PERFECT PASSIVE - The message and photo _____ by a colleague of Theo. |
| | 8. PAST PERFECT - Theo said that he _____ already _____ the photo. |

Forming questions

4. Complete the questions about Brigit and Theo.

- 'When was she visiting London?'
'Last autumn.'
- 'Who _____ on the Tube?'
'A handsome young man.'
- 'What _____ ?'
'Listening to music.'
- 'Why _____ ?'
'Because she was shy.'
- 'Where _____ the message _____ ?'
'In City News.'
- 'Why _____ Theo _____ on the Tube?'
'Because there hadn't been any room to sit down.'

Forming negatives

5. Correct these sentences about the story.

1. Brigit put Theo's photo in an album.

She didn't put his photo in an album. She put it on social media.

2. Theo and Brigit were travelling on the bus.

_____.

3. Theo's photo was identified by a journalist.

_____.

4. He'd been sitting on the Tube when he saw his picture.

_____.



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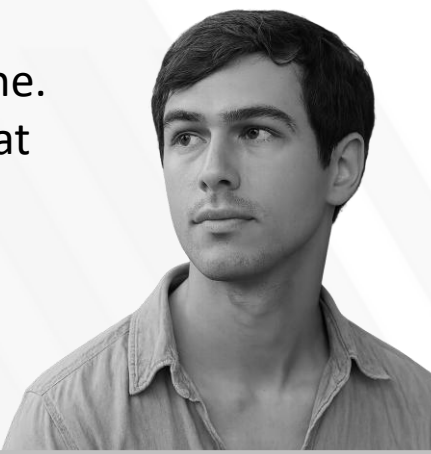


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Past Simple or Past Perfect?

6. Read the beginning of a romantic novel. Why is Nancy exhausted? What happens to wake her up?

7. Read the extract again and underline the correct tense.

Chapter 1

Hot Chocolate or Champagne?

It was ten o'clock in the evening. Nancy **1. sat / had sat** down on her sofa and thought about the day.

What a busy day it **2. was / had been**. This was her first night in her very own flat. She **3. lived / had lived** her entire life so far, 23 years, in the family home with her parents, and now for the first time, she **4. was / had been** on her own.

She sat surrounded by all the boxes that she **5. didn't manage / hadn't managed** to unpack during the day. It **6. took / had taken** months to get all her belongings together and her mum and dad

7. were / had been very generous, buying her things like towels and mugs. She suddenly **8. felt / had felt** exhausted, she yawned. No wonder she **9. was / had been** tired!

She **10. was / had been** packing and unpacking since six o'clock in the morning. She **11. decided / had decided** to make a mug of hot chocolate and go to bed.

She knew she **12. packed / had packed** the mugs somewhere, but she couldn't remember where. There was a knock at her door. There stood a neighbour holding a bunch of flowers and a bottle of champagne. He **13. came / had come** to welcome her to their apartment block. Nancy was suddenly awake! Champagne **14. won / had won** over hot chocolate every time.

Her neighbour smiled at her. He **15. looked / had looked** like a really nice guy.



Past Perfect Simple or Continuous?

8. Complete the sentences with the words in brackets. Use the Past Perfect Simple or Continuous.

1. I was broke because I'd been shopping and I'd spent all my money.

(shop and / spend / money)

2. Mary was really angry. She _____

(wait / for hours and / boyfriend / not / turn up)

3. Before his accident, Peter _____

(be / best player / team and / train for the Olympics)

4. I was annoyed with my daughter. She _____

(listen / her music / not / hear me call her)

5. Jack wanted a new challenge in his work. He _____

(be / at the same company / and he / do / same job / ten years)

6. When I got home, I was starving. I _____

(work / all day and / not have / anything to eat)

Past Simple passive

9. Put the verbs in brackets in the Past Simple passive.

SOME FACTS ABOUT SHAKESPEARE'S ROMEO AND JULIET

1. Romeo and Juliet was first published (publish) in 1597.

2. It isn't known exactly when it _____ first _____ (perform).

3. It _____ (base) on real lovers who lived and died in Verona in 1303.

4. In Shakespeare's day, women _____ (not allow) to act on stage. Female roles _____ (play) by young men.

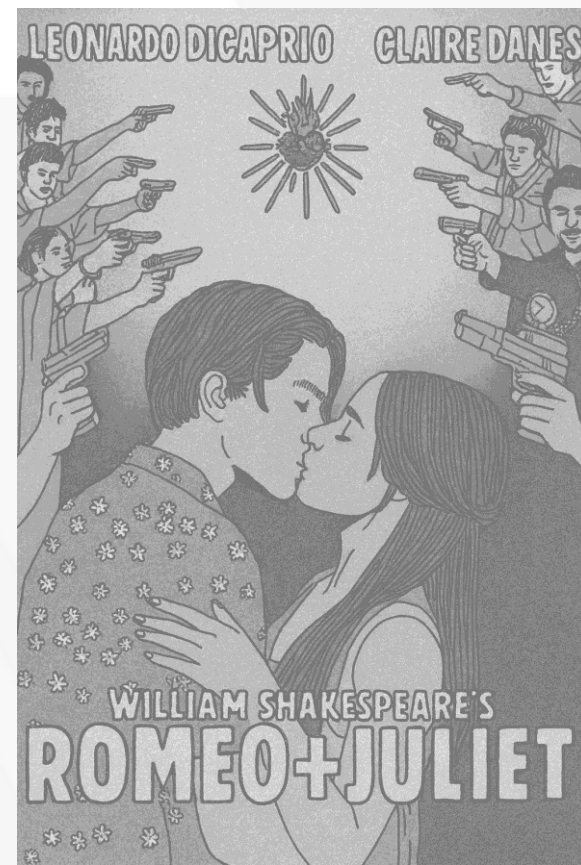
5. Many of Shakespeare's early plays _____ (perform) at the Globe Theatre in London, which _____ (build) in 1599.

6. The first film of Romeo and Juliet _____ (make) in 1916. It was a silent movie.

7. The most recent version, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, _____ (set) in modern-day Los Angeles. It _____ (shoot) in Mexico City in 1996.

8. Some scholars still believe that the plays _____ (not write) by Shakespeare.

9. Shakespeare died in 1616 and _____ (bury) in Stratford-upon-Avon.



Past tense homophones

10. Write another word that sounds the same as these past tense forms.

1. Read _____ /red/
2. Knew _____ /nju:/
3. Rode _____ /rəʊd/
4. Caught _____ /kɔ:t/
5. Saw _____ /sɔ:/
6. Threw _____ /θru:/
7. Thrown _____ /θrəʊn/
8. Been _____ /bi:n/

11. In each sentence there are two homophones in phonetic symbols. Write the words.

1. The burglar /θru:/ threw a brick /θru:/ _____ the window of the factory.
2. He was /kɔ:t/ by the police and went to /kɔ:t/ _____, where he was sentenced to five years in prison.
3. I /sɔ:/ _____ Jack at the doctor's. He had a /sɔ:/ _____ throat.
4. We /nju:/ _____ that Sue had bought a /nju:/ _____ car.
5. No, that's not the book I /red/ _____ last year. It had a /red/ _____ cover.
6. We /rəʊd/ _____ our bikes down the mountain /rəʊd/ _____.

Past tenses in a narrative

12. Read the newspaper articles and answer the questions.



‘Hands Up!’ for supermarket customers

Customers in Supersave Superstore received a terrible shock yesterday as they were queuing to pay at the cash desks. Two armed, masked robbers burst into the shop and demanded money from the cashiers. Sixty-year old Roger Wilson suffered a heart attack and was taken to hospital. The robbers escaped in a stolen van, which was parked outside. The robbers were finally caught in a country lane five miles away.

Read the full story >

1. What was happening when the robbers burst in?
2. What did the robbers do?
3. What happened to Roger Wilson?
4. How did the robbers escape?
5. Where was the van?
6. What happened to the robbers?



Hero saves man from blazing car

Jack Banner, 52, was tired. He'd been working late. At around 7.30 p.m., he was driving home when he saw a terrible accident. A black VW Golf had crashed into a tree and caught fire. Without thinking of his own safety, Jack stopped his car and ran to the scene. He had just managed to pull the young driver out of the car when it exploded. Fortunately, a police car was in the area and an officer had called an ambulance. The young man, Gary Baker, 22, was taken to a nearby hospital, where he is doing well.

To full story >

7. What was Mrs Balding doing in the park?
8. What was she doing when Toby was attacked?
9. What did she do when he was attacked?
10. How did the gardeners help?
11. Why was Toby lucky?
12. Why did Mrs Balding need help?



Dog attacked by swans

Last Thursday afternoon, Margot Balding, 54, took her dog, Toby, for a walk in St James' Park. She was throwing sticks into the pond and Toby was swimming to fetch them, when suddenly he was attacked by one huge swan. Mrs Balding's screams were heard by two gardeners, who were working nearby. They ran into the water and rescued the dog. Fortunately, he wasn't badly injured. It was poor Mrs Balding who needed help – she'd fainted on the grass.

Read more... >

13. Why was Jack tired?
14. What was he doing when he saw the accident?
15. What had happened to the car?
16. What did Jack do?
17. Why didn't Jack call an ambulance?
18. What happened to the young man?

Birth, marriage, and death

1. Complete the sentences with a word from below.

birth (x3)

birthday

born (x2)

1. They say that the first _____ child is always more ambitious.
2. Shakespeare was _____ into quite a wealthy family.
3. Your date and place of _____ are on your passport.
4. Congratulations on the _____ of baby Emma!
5. She gave _____ to a beautiful healthy boy.
6. What are you doing for your _____ this year?

2. Complete the sentences with a word from below.

**wedding (x2) marriage married (x2) get married got married
been married got divorced got engaged**

1. Darling, I love you. Will you marry me?
2. They met and _____ in just three months!
3. **A:** Are you _____?
B: No, we've just _____ We're going to _____ next year.
4. How many times has she _____?

5. We had a lovely _____ in a small country church.
6. Did you hear? James and Henrietta _____ last Saturday.
7. How many guests did they have at the _____?
8. Their _____ was always stormy. I'm not surprised they _____.

3. Complete the sentences with a word from below.

dying (x2) dead (x2) died (x3) death (x3) die (x2)

1. My wedding ring was my grandmother's. It was her _____ wish that I should have it.
2. **A:** Is old Bert Harris still alive? He must be nearly 100.
B: No, I'm sure he's _____. Didn't he _____ a few years ago?
3. I can't watch horror movies. I get scared to _____.
4. Her father's _____ came as a great shock. He _____ of a heart attack.
5. There are always a lot of _____ bodies in Agatha Christie's stories.
6. Every winter thousands of birds _____ in the cold weather.
7. Julius Caesar was stabbed to _____ by his best friend, Brutus.
8. I think our poor old cat is _____. She's sixteen and she just sleeps all day long.

in / at / on for time

We use at for the time and some expressions.

- at 7.30
- at noon
- at dinnertime
- at the weekend
- at Easter
- at the same time
- at present
- at the age of ten

We use on for days and dates.

- on Tuesday (evening)
- on July 4
- on Saturdays

We use in for longer periods of time.

- in May
- in 2020
- in winter
- in the 19th century

We also use in for parts of the day.

- in the morning / in the afternoon
- in the evening (but at night)

There is no preposition before last, next, this, tomorrow, or yesterday.

- I met her last night
- We're going on holiday next month
- He called me this afternoon
- We'll talk tomorrow evening
- I was tired yesterday morning

4. Complete the sentences with a correct preposition or no preposition (-).

1. We arrive ____ 4.30 ____ Friday afternoon.
2. Term begins ____ September 4th. It's a Thursday. Why are we starting ____ a Friday this year? It usually begins ____ a Monday.
3. My 15-year-old daughter wants a tattoo. She is really too young ____ her age.
4. It was so romantic. He asked me to marry him ____ midnight ____ New Year's Eve!
5. I don't feel very well ____ this evening. I don't think I should go to work.
6. Our first baby was born ____ 2.40 ____ the morning ____ Christmas Day.
7. He was a difficult child. He didn't sleep ____ night until he was five. Now he's a teenager we can't get him up ____ the morning.
8. My son hates having his birthday ____ the middle of winter and ____ Christmas time.

Expressing opinions

1. Two dads, Henry and Bob, are having a conversation about their kids. Complete it with the words and phrases below.

- a. too true
- b. isn't he
- c. certainly
- d. don't you
- e. really enjoy
- f. didn't he
- g. totally agree
- h. absolutely brilliant
- i. pretty scary
- j. absolutely right

Bedtime Stories

H: I love being a dad, **1.** _____?

B: Yeah, of course I do – most of the time.

H: My favourite thing is bedtime.

B: Ah, I **2.** _____! It's the best time of day. Peace at last!

H: No, it's not just that. I **3.** _____ reading bedtime stories to my kids.

B: Do you? My kids are a bit old for that now, but I used to read to them a lot. What are your kids' favourites?

H: Well, Emma thinks anything by Roald Dahl is great.

B: He's an excellent writer for kids, **4.** _____?

H: Yeah, he is. He's **5.** _____! My kids love Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and The BFG – The Big Friendly Giant – it's **6.** _____ in places but they like being scared.

B: Yeah, I think most kids like scary bits. I know mine did. Dahl wrote for adults too, **7.** _____?

H: He **8.** _____ did – he wrote books of short stories. I read them years ago – real page-turners.

B: Yes, I remember – aren't they kind of scary too – dark but funny?

H: You're **9.** _____, and they all have really unexpected endings – Tales of the Unexpected is one of Dahl's books.

B: What are you reading to your kids at the moment then?

H: Actually, it's not a Dahl, it's a fairy story – a scary fairy story! Beauty and the Beast – you can't beat a good fairy story.

B: **10.** _____! There's nothing better than a story that begins 'Once upon a time ...'

1. Complete the sentences with was, were, did, or had.

1. The police found the money which _____ been stolen from the supermarket.
2. _____ you listening to me? I _____ telling you about my terrible day at work!
3. I sent you a text. _____ you get it?
4. I _____ forgotten to set my alarm, so I was late for work.
5. _____ you do much sightseeing when you were in Paris?
6. They _____ leaving for the station when I saw them.
7. _____ it raining when you left the cinema?
8. How many times _____ your passports checked before you got on the plane?
9. We arrived late because our flight _____ been delayed by bad weather.

2. Put the verb in bold in the Past Simple, the Past Continuous, the Past Perfect Simple or Continuous.

eat

1. I couldn't understand what she was saying because she *was eating* an apple.
2. The meal was terrible, but John _____ it. He must have been hungry.
3. There was nothing in the fridge. The kids _____ everything.

talk

4. The lesson was so boring. The teacher just _____ for a whole hour.
5. I knew about Annie's problem because I _____ to her mother the day before.
6. Who _____ you _____ to on the phone just now?

die

7. Alice never knew her grandfather. He _____ before she was born.
8. The old man lay in his bed, hardly breathing. He _____, and he knew it.
9. Vincent van Gogh _____ in 1890.

drive

10. 'How did you get here?' 'I _____.'
11. I was tired, and needed to go to bed. I _____ 300 miles that day.
12. I _____ to work when I had an accident and hit a tree.

1. Complete the sentences 1-15 with the correct word from below.

1. Do you _____ like your father or mother? **be | look | take**
2. Who is Maria married _____? **by | to | with**
3. I _____ all my homework before I went to bed. **did | have done | was doing**
4. My aunt asked me if I wanted money for my birthday, and I said I _____. **do | did | would**
5. I haven't upgraded my phone _____. **already | just | yet**
6. Drinks _____ outside in the garden. **are being served | are serving | will serve**
7. What are you making for dinner? It _____ really good. **is smelling | is tasting | smells**
8. George left before I _____ a chance to apologize. **'d had | 've had | was having**
9. She _____ and walking at the same time, when she fell and broke her ankle. **had texted | texted | was texting**
10. I'm _____ living back at home with my parents. **currently | nowadays | often**
11. You _____ to a word I've said! **aren't listening | didn't hear | haven't been listening**
12. I don't know _____ keys these are. **how many | where | whose**
13. Tom and Tessa married just last year and they _____ already. **had split up | have split up | split up**
14. Do you know who the computer _____ by? **has been invited | invented | was invented**
15. We never go to the cinema nowadays, but we _____ every week. **had gone | used to go | went**

ACROSS

- DOWN**

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