

ENGLISH
PRACTICE +
PROGRESS



GRAMMAR

PRE-INTERMEDIATE/
INTERMEDIATE

PAST SIMPLE
MODAL VERBS
PAST CONTINUOUS
PRESENT PERFECT
FOR SINCE PASSIVE
COMPARATIVES
SUPERLATIVES
FIRST CONDITIONAL
REPORTED SPEECH



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Unchanging World

The verbs in these fascinating facts are mixed up. Can you sort them out?

1



A koala bear **closes** for up to 22 hours each day. _____

2



In the summer in the Arctic Circle, the sun **never travels**. _____

3



An astronaut footprint on the surface of the moon **sleeps** for millions of years. _____

4



The largest flower in the world is called a Rafflesia - it **lasts** up to 7 kilos and **loses** up to 1 metre across. _____

5



If a lizard **drinks** its tail, it grows another one. _____

6



In art galleries around the world, each visitor **measures** an average of three seconds in front of each painting. _____

7



In baseball, when a pitcher **beats** a good ball, it **weighs** at about 160 kilometres an hour. _____

8



An adult elephant **spends** about 225 litres of water every day. _____

9



A snake **never throws** its eyes at any time. _____

10



A human heart **sets** about 70 times a minute. _____

You're Late!

It's Helen's birthday. She has invited a group of friends to go to the theatre to see a show. Her boyfriend, Rob, is late. Helen calls him on her mobile phone. Choose a verb from this box for each space in the conversation and put it in the present continuous. Use the pictures to help you.

Each time you take a verb, write the letter next to it here to find the name of the show:

fall into	n
run out of	g
push	n
leave	h
sit	e
get on	k
run	o
go into	i
drive down	i
wait	t
get out	l



18.25 Where are you, Rob? Hurry up. We're all _____ at the theatre. The show starts in 35 minutes.

Sorry, Helen. I _____ the football club now. The football match finished very late but don't worry, my dad's promised to give me a lift.



18.30 Hi! I _____ in my dad's car - but there's a traffic jam.



Okay, I _____ of the car - I _____ the underground. I'll call when I get there.



18.40 I'm out of the underground - there's a train broken down in the tunnel. I _____ to the bus stop round the corner.



AAAAAAAH! _____ a hole in the pavement.



18.42 I've climbed out of the hole. Oh! There's a bus. I _____

18.45 We _____ Charing Cross Road. Oh no! there's a demonstration. We can't get through.

18.51 Okay, I'm off the bus. How long have I got?

Nine minutes

18.53 I _____ through the crowds. Now I'm on the bridge. I _____ breath.

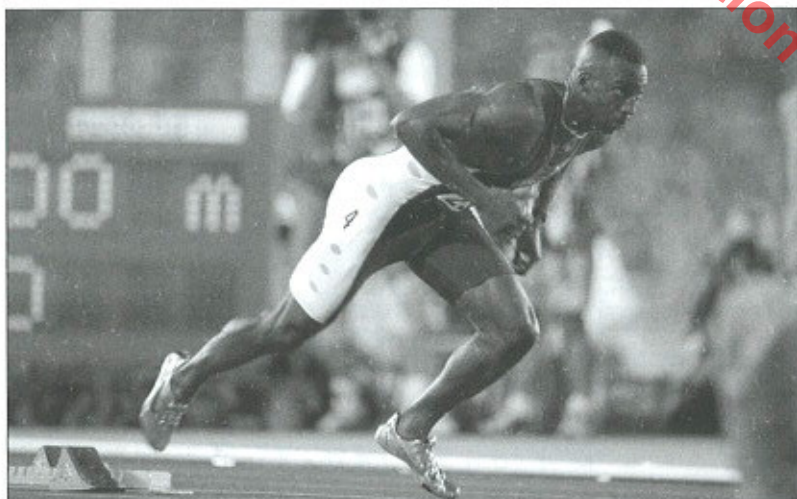
18.59 Here I am at the theatre. Where are you?

Right behind you. You made it. Well done!

19.00 The tickets ... ah ... I thought you had the tickets ...

Michael Johnson

his feet never touch the ground



Read about Michael Johnson. Put the verbs into the past simple and fit them in the passage about him. Then, complete the grid with the verbs to find the answer to this question: What subject did Michael study at college?

say
be
realise
seem
study
break
retire
sign
win

He won 5 Olympic gold medals.

He (1) *broke* 6 world records.

He ran 200 metres in 19.32 seconds and 400 metres in 43.18 seconds.

He was born in Texas and he has lived all his life there. His dad (2) *was* a truck driver. Everybody at school was amazed by his running talent. His high school coach said that his feet never (3) *seemed* to touch the ground.

He went to college and (4) *studied* for a degree. While he was at college, he (5) *realised* that he could make a career in athletics. He was world no.1 at 200m and 400m by the age of 23. At the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, Johnson was the first athlete ever to win both the 200m and the 400m finals. The 200m final was his favourite race. 'That was as close as I've ever got to the perfect race,' he (6) *signed*.

He soon became one of the highest paid athletes of all time. In 1997 he (7) *won* a 6-year deal with Nike worth \$12million. He was wearing special shoes when he (8) *retired* the 400m final at the Sydney Olympics in 2000 – they had pieces of real gold sewn into them.

He (9) *was* in 2001 at the age of 33 when he was still at the top.

3)	S									
2)	W									
9)	R									
1)	B	R	O	K	E					
5)	R									
4)	S									
6)	S									
8)	W									
7)	S									

What Kind of Artist Are You?

We're all artistic, but we express ourselves in different ways.

Do you express yourself best in pictures, music, words or with your body?

First of all, fill in the gaps using the words in brackets to make second conditional sentences. Then, answer the questions and find out.

1 If you _____ (have) half an hour to spare now, what _____ (do)?

- (a) read a book
- (b) draw a picture
- (c) listen to some music
- (d) go outside and play football



2 If you _____ (go) to the theatre this evening, what _____ (choose) to see?

- (a) a ballet
- (b) a modern play
- (c) a Shakespeare play
- (d) a musical



3 If you _____ (go) to see your favourite band this evening, what _____ (do) in the half hour before you went?

- (a) worry about your clothes
- (b) listen to the band's CD
- (c) practise your dancing
- (d) find out facts about the band



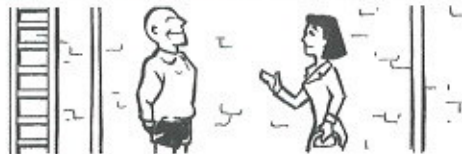
4 If your English teacher _____ (ask) you to choose a fun class activity, which one _____ (choose)?

- (a) playing a game
- (b) watching a TV programme or film
- (c) listening to a song
- (d) discussion



5 If these teachers _____ (meet) your parents, who _____ (say) the nicest things about you?

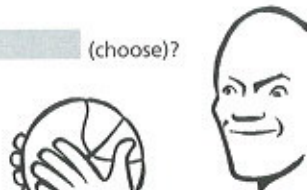
- (a) your art teacher
- (b) your music teacher
- (c) your language teacher
- (d) your sports teacher



6 Heroes....

If you _____ (choose) one person to represent America, who _____ (choose)?

- (a) Michael Jordan
- (b) Madonna
- (c) Ernest Hemingway
- (d) Andy Warhol



19-24 You are a words person - you read about a painting before you look at it, you read about music before you listen to it.

13-18 You are a visual person - you always look first and find out information later.

7-12 Music comes first for you - you are happiest when you are playing or listening to music.

0-6 You express yourself with your body - you like to do things yourself rather than watch other people do them.

SCORES: 1a-4 1b-3 1c-2 1d-1; 2a-1 2b-3 2c-4 2d-2; 3a-3 3b-2 3c-1 3d-4; 4a-1 4b-3 4c-2 4d-4; 5a-3 5b-2 5c-4 5d-1; 6a-1 6b-2 6c-4 6d-3.

Great Natural Disasters

Put the pictures in order. Put the missing verbs in the captions in the past simple passive. Choose the verbs from the box.

hit bury melt burn down



under a mountain of ash.



When Mt Vesuvius
erupted in AD79,



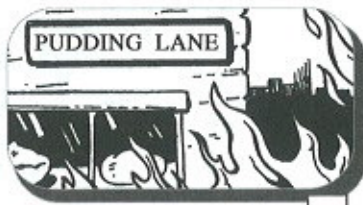
the Roman town of
Pompeii



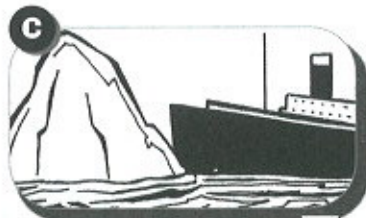
the city of London



to the ground.



A fire started in Pudding
Lane in London in
1666 and



When the Titanic hit an
iceberg in 1912,



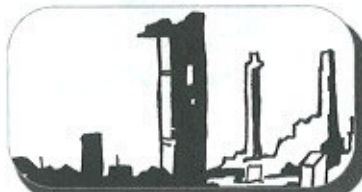
over 1,500 people



in the icy waters of the
Atlantic Ocean.



the iron skyscrapers



to the ground
by the heat.



In the Great Fire of 1871
in Chicago,



by 15-metre-high waves.



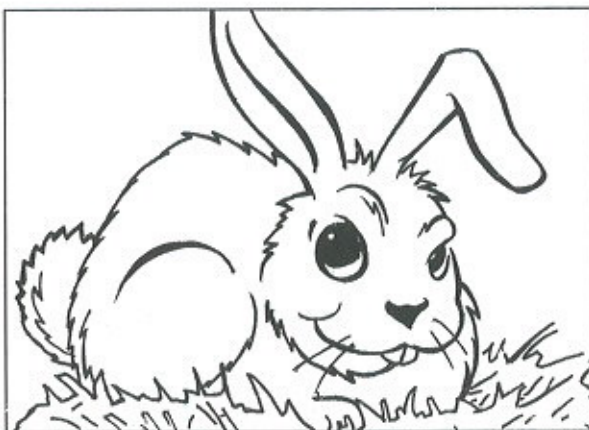
After a terrible
earthquake in Portugal
in 1775,



the city of Lisbon

Robbie, the School Rabbit

Put *the* or *a / an* in the spaces in the story below.



Once upon (1) _____ time, on (2) _____ boring Wednesday afternoon, Jed and Jen decided to steal Robbie, (3) _____ school rabbit. They took it home. At (4) _____ time, they thought it was funny. But (5) _____ next day, (6) _____ head teacher told (7) _____ whole school and everyone was very sad. Jed and Jen were sad, too. "We'll have to put it back," said Jen. "But nobody must see us."

So that evening, they took (8) _____ rabbit back. They carried (9) _____ rabbit in (10) _____ box. At school there was (11) _____ evening class going on, so (12) _____ school building was open. They crept in. They walked quickly down (13) _____ main corridor. There were lots of doors into classrooms and (14) _____ library. They turned the corner.

Suddenly they heard (15) _____ noise behind them - footsteps coming towards the corner. They ran into (16) _____ classroom and hid. Jed put (17) _____ box down. They waited. (18) _____ footsteps walked away.

"Come on," whispered Jed. "Let's go."

"Oh no!" said Jen, too loudly. "(19) _____ rabbit's gone."

They rushed back into (20) _____ corridor. They were just in time to see (21) _____ rabbit hop into (22) _____ main school hall. They ran to (23) _____ hall but stopped suddenly. (24) _____ hall was full of people speaking French. It was (25) _____ French evening class.

Answers

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Unchanging World

1 sleeps 2 sets 3 lasts
4 weighs, measures 5 loses
6 spends 7 throws, travels
8 drinks 9 closes 10 beats

Page 5

You're late!

The verbs appear in this form, in this order: waiting, leaving, 'm sitting, 'm getting out, 'm going into, running, falling into, 'm getting on, 're driving down, 'm pushing, 'm running out of

They are going to see *The Lion King*

Page 6

Where's Your Homework?

1 The dog ate it.
2 My computer exploded.
3 Some boys stole my school bag.
4 The queen came to tea.
5 Aliens landed in our garden and took my homework back to their planet.
6 An eagle took my homework and used it to make a nest.
7 My brother made a paper plane with it.
8 My father lit the fire with it.
9 A professor thought it was brilliant and took it back to his university.

Page 7

Michael Johnson

1 broke 2 was 3 seemed
4 studied 5 realised 6 said
7 signed 8 won 9 retired

He studied *marketing*.

Page 8

Amazon Diary

a5 b8 c7 d3 e1 f2
g6 h4

He met four types of creature: ants, piranha fish, a crocodile and a monkey.

Page 9

Pompeii

1 He was drinking a glass of wine at the bar.
2 They were buying loaves and honey cakes.
3 They were playing a game with stones in the road.
4 She was writing a letter.
5 They were painting pictures of the countryside on the walls.
6 It was sleeping in the corner.
7 He grabbed Agrippa's hand and ran out of the house.
8 It hid under the table.
9 The children cried for their parents.
10 Most of them escaped but two thousand died.

Pages 10 and 11

Memory Test

1 She was climbing a mountain.
2 He was having a shower.
3 They were swimming in the sea.

4 At 8.30 yesterday evening.

5 At 4.00 this afternoon.

6 She was riding a horse on the beach.

7 He was working on his computer.

8 At 4.00 this afternoon.

9 They were shopping.

10 He was ice skating.

Pages 12 and 13

That's History!

1 Since 100,000 BC.
2 Since 20,000 BC
3 Since 40,000 BC.
4 Since 4,000 BC.
5 Since 8,000 BC.
6 For about 555 years.
7 For about 178 years.
8 For about 118 years.
9 For more than 90 years.
10 For more than 16 years.

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Here is Today's News

1f 2e 3h 4g 5a 6c
7d 8b

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A Fishy Story

1b 2i 3c 4f 5j 6h 7a
8e 9g 10d

Pages 16 and 17

Trip to Town

This is one possible plan:

10.30	buy bread and cakes (remember the baker sells out early)
10.45	post office (don't miss the 11 o'clock post)
11.00	bank (they shut at 12.00)