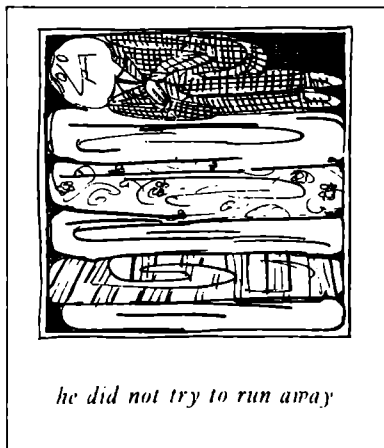


46 Expensive and Uncomfortable

When a plane from London arrived at Sydney airport, workers began to unload a number of wooden boxes which contained clothing. No one could account for the fact that one of the boxes was extremely heavy. It suddenly occurred to one of the workers to open up the box.

He was astonished at what he found. A man was lying in the box on top of a pile of woollen goods. He was so surprised at being discovered that he did not even try to run away. After he was arrested, the man admitted hiding in the box before the plane left London. He had had a long and uncomfortable trip, for he had been confined to the wooden box for over ten

hours. The man was ordered to pay £345 for the cost of the trip. The normal price of a ticket is £230!



Comprehension and Précis

Answer these questions *in not more than 70 words*.

1. Where did the plane from London arrive? What did workers unload from it? (and)
2. What did they contain?
3. Was one of the boxes extremely heavy or not? What did a worker do? (so)
4. What did he find on top of a pile of woollen goods?
5. Was the man arrested or not?
6. Had he travelled in the box from London or from Sydney?
7. How much did he have to pay?
8. How much does an ordinary ticket cost?

Composition

Rewrite the following sentences using the joining words in brackets:

1. The man had had an uncomfortable trip. He was very hungry. (*not only . . . but . . . as well*)
2. He had not eaten anything for thirteen hours. He had not drunk anything for thirteen hours. (*neither . . . nor*)
3. Woollen goods cannot be eaten. At least they are soft. The man had had a few hours' sleep. (*but . . . so*)

Letter-writing

- 1 Write your home address and the date in the way they would appear in a letter to a friend who lives abroad.
- 2 Write the address of a friend who lives abroad in the way it would appear in a letter to you.

Key Structures

Verbs followed by: To, At, For and With. (Compare KS 55)

We can put *to*, *at*, *for* and *with* after certain verbs.

Compare: I saw Tom yesterday.

I shall see *to* the dinner tonight. (I shall prepare it.)

Use this list for reference:

a TO: accustom(ed), amount, appeal, apply (or for), attach(ed), attend, belong, challenge, compare (or with), condemn(ed), confess, confine, consent, convert, entitle(d), listen, mention, object, occur, prefer, react (or against), reply, respond, see, submit, surrender, turn, yield.

b AT: amuse(d) (or by), arrive (or in), astonish(ed) (or by), exclaim, glance, guess, knock (SD 24), look (SD 96b), point (or to), shock(ed) (or by), stare, surprise(d) (or by), wonder (or about), work (or on).

c FOR: account, ask (or of), act (or on), apologize, blame, beg, call (SD 90), charge, exchange, hope, look, mistake, mourn, pay (SD 112b), prepare, provide, search, thank, vote (or on) (KS 55d), wait (or on).

d WITH: agree, begin, communicate, compare (or to), compete (or against), comply, confuse, contrast (or to), cope, correspond, disgust(ed), finish, help (or in), interfere (or in) mix, occup(ied), part, please(d), quarrel (or about), reason, satis(fied) (or by), threaten(ed).

Exercises

A. Point out verbs in the passage which are followed by *to*, *at*, or *for*.

B. Supply the missing words (*to*, *at*, *for* and *with*) without referring to the above lists as far as possible:

1. I don't agree . . . you. 2. She preferred . . . wait . . . him. 3. We have been corresponding . . . each other for years. 4. How do you account . . . this? 5. Do you object . . . my smoking? 6. I'm surprised . . . you! 7. You must reply . . . his letter. 8. He has some important business to attend . . . 9. Do you mean to say you exchanged that lovely car . . . this? 10. Has it occurred . . . you that she must have arrived . . . London Airport by now? 11. I was shocked . . . his indifference! 12. You must comply . . . the rules of the game. 13. Poor Mary! She has so much to cope . . . ! 14. Please don't mention it . . . my husband, but I paid £10 . . . this hat. 15. She was quite unprepared . . . the news. 16. Don't blame me . . . the accident! 17. I'm disgusted . . . your behaviour! 18. You forgot to thank Aunt Jane . . . her present. 19. It is rude to stare . . . people. 20. I'm not satisfied . . . your work. 21. His debt now amounts . . . £100. 22. Mix the contents of this packet . . . a little water. 23. I knocked . . . the door. 24. Whom does this book belong . . . ? 25. I reasoned . . . him, but he would not listen . . . me. 26. She's accustomed . . . living in comfort. She'll never part . . . her precious possessions. 27. At what time will you call . . . me? 28. The spy surrendered himself . . . the enemy and was condemned . . . death. 29. I've looked . . . it everywhere, but I can't find it. 30. I'll see . . . the cooking tonight. 31. I must apologize . . . keeping you waiting. 32. The class failed to respond . . . the teacher's new methods. 33. He turned . . . me for help, even after I had quarrelled . . . him. 34. Like Micawber, I hope . . . something better. 35. Please apply . . . the secretary for information. 36. There was a note attached . . . the parcel. 37. Just guess . . . the price of this carpet. 38. How long have you been working . . . this exercise? 39. The concert began . . . a piece by an unknown composer. 40. How much did they charge you . . . that?