

English Lab (1)-GRAMMAR . 7th September

VERBAL TENSES REVIEW

Objective: To review some basic verbal tenses in English.

Instructions: Complete the blanks with the suitable verbal tense. More than one option is possible. We will check, discuss and explain all the doubts that you have after finishing the exercise.

Time: 30 minutes.

Put each verb into their correct past form.

Last summer I _____ (**CYCLE**) in the rain
along a country road in France with my best friend
Tom. We _____ (**DECIDE**) to go on a cycling
holiday in northern France. Neither of us
_____ (**BE**) to France before, but we
_____ (**LEARN**) a little bit of French at
school and we _____ (**MANAGE**) to brush
up on the basics.



Now we _____ (**WONDER**) if we _____ (**MAKE**) the right decision. We _____ (**PLAN**) our route carefully for months, but we _____ (**FORGET**) one important factor: the weather. It _____ (**RAIN**) heavily since our arrival and that night we _____ (**END UP**) sleeping in the waiting room at a railway station.

When we _____ (**RIDE**) down a steep hill the next morning my bike _____ (**SKID**) on the wet road and I _____ (**FALL**) off. I _____ (**REALISE**) immediately that I _____ (**BREAK**) my left arm and after a visit to the hospital I _____ (**CATCH**) the next train to Calais for the ferry home.

Unfortunately, my parents _____ (**NOT EXPECT**) me home for a fortnight, and _____ (**GO**) away on holiday. So, I _____ (**SPEND**) a miserable couple of weeks alone, reading books about cycling in bad weather.

MIXED TENSES- COMPLETE WITH THE SUITABLE VERBAL TENSE

Moving house

I come from a very large family and recently my parents _____ (**DECIDE**) that they _____ (**SPEND**) long enough living in an overcrowded house in Birmingham. "We _____ (**MOVE**) to the country", my father _____ (**ANNOUNCE**) one evening. "I _____ (**SELL**) this house and we _____ (**LIVE**) on a farm".

So last week we _____ (**LOAD**) all our belongings into two hired vans, and for the last few days we _____ (**TRY**) to organise ourselves in our new home. Yesterday, for example, my two brothers and I _____ (**START**) painting the upstairs rooms. Unfortunately, while I _____ (**MIX**) the paint, one of my brothers _____ (**OPEN**) the door. Nobody _____ (**TELL**) him that we _____ (**BE**) in the room. So instead of painting the walls we _____ (**SPEND**) all morning cleaning paint off the floor.

But worse things _____ (**HAPPEN**) since then. This morning, when I _____ (**WAKE**) up, water _____ (**DRIP**) through the ceiling next to my bed. We _____ (**SPEND**) the last five hours repairing the roof. It is not all bad news though. The school in the village nearby _____ (**CLOSE**) down two years ago, and my parents _____ (**NOT FIND**) another school for us yet.