

# Grammar

## A. Read the following texts.

Tahereh Saffarzadeh was an Iranian writer, translator and thinker. When other kids **were** still **playing** outside, she learned reading and reciting the Holy Quran at the age of 6. As a young student, she **was working** very hard to learn new things. She also **was writing** poems at that time. She published her first book while she **was** still **studying** in the university. She got interested in translating the Holy Quran when she **was studying** and **teaching** translation. She published her translation of the Holy Quran in 1380. Saffarzadeh passed away in 1387.



Alexander Fleming was a great researcher. He **was doing research** in his laboratory in winter 1928. He **was trying** to find a new medicine to save people's lives. He found a new medicine when he **was working** on antibiotics. This was the amazing penicillin. Many other doctors **were** also **working** on this medicine in those days. They helped the first patient with penicillin in 1942 when the flu **was getting** around.