

UNIT 7

Language focus

1 Past Simple

Complete the magazine article. Use the Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

Oxfam / the start

This large organization started ¹ (start) its work in the difficult years of World War II. Back in 1942, a number of people in Oxford met ² (meet) and formed ³ (form) a group – the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief – to help people in

other countries. They began ⁴ (begin) with Greece. They collected ⁵ (collect) food and clothes, and sended ⁶ (send) them to help many poor people in Greece. World War II came ⁷ (come) to an end, but the group

saw ⁸ (see) that there was no end to wars and disasters – and the need for their work. So the organization went ⁹ (go) world-wide and its name became ¹⁰ (become) Oxfam. Today, Oxfam runs programmes in over 70 developing countries.

2 Present Perfect Simple

Complete the magazine article. Use the Present Perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

Oxfam | the success story continues

Big successes for Oxfam have included ¹ (include) help after hurricanes and other natural disasters. There is ² (be) another important aim, too. From the start, Oxfam has worked ³ (work) to help poor people build a better future. It has organized ⁴ (organize) long-term programmes in developing countries for many years, and these have helped ⁵ (help) millions of people to escape poverty and disease. For example, Oxfam has made ⁶



(provide) equipment for communities to get clean water. It has trained ⁷ (train) thousands of health workers, and these people have improved ⁸ (improve) the health of whole regions. In addition, Oxfam has made ⁹ (make)

many new businesses possible through financial help and training. Recently, with some skills training, a group of women in Bangladesh has built ¹⁰ (build) a successful company making hand-made products. ■

3 Irregular verbs

Complete the table with the correct form of the verbs.

| Infinitive | Past Simple | Past Participle |
|--------------|-------------|-----------------|
| <u>break</u> | broke | <u>broken</u> |
| buy | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | cost | _____ |
| drink | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | eaten |
| _____ | fell | _____ |
| forget | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | found | _____ |
| give | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | had |
| hear | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | hit | _____ |
| know | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | lost |
| put | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | rose | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | sold |
| shut | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | understood | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | worn |

Make a similar table for the ten irregular verbs in 1 and 2.

4 Past Simple and Present Perfect Simple

Underline the correct form of the verbs.



- In recent years, the rich *became* / *have become* richer.
- At the same time, the poor *grew* / *have grown* poorer.
- In 1945, the richer countries of the world *started* / *have started* the World Bank to help the poorer parts of the world.
- Since 1945, most developing countries *borrowed* / *have borrowed* from the World Bank to pay for development programmes.
- People in the Third World *received* / *have received* aid such as food from western countries for many years.
- Until the 1980s, the development and aid programmes *were often* / *have often been* the wrong ones for developing countries; for example, free food aid *often hurt* / *has often hurt* local farmers financially.
- There is another problem even now – western businesses *continued* / *have continued* to buy from the country with the lowest price.
- In the last twenty years, organizations like Tradecraft *finally began* / *have finally begun* to make a real difference to the way western and developing countries trade.

5 Past Simple and Present Perfect Simple

Complete the article. Use the Past Simple or the Present Perfect Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

Concern | *in partnership with Oxfam*

In 1975, the organization Concern *established* ¹ (establish) a centre in Demra, Bangladesh. Concern ² (want) to provide food and health care for poor people. Since then, with the help of Oxfam, it ³ (encourage) people to work together to improve their living conditions.

For several years, Oxfam and Concern ⁴ (work) with a group of women in Demra. In the 1990s, Concern ⁵ (set) up a skills training centre and the women ⁶ (learn) to make hand-made products like baskets and incense. At first, the women ⁷ (sell) their products locally. Then Oxfam ⁸ (do) some market research for them. Since then, the business ⁹ (develop) its incense products for the international market. In recent years, it ¹⁰ (sell) its incense to The Body Shop and other European buyers. The business ¹¹ (change) the lives of 150 women and their families. ■



6 Present Perfect Simple questions

Anton Lim was interviewed about the problems faced by his small business in Jakarta. Write the interviewer's questions. Use the words in brackets and the Present Perfect Simple form.

- INTERVIEWER How long has your workshop been in business? 1
(how long / your workshop / be / in business)
- LIM We've been here for about three years – since 2001.
- INTERVIEWER _____ 2
(the economic crisis / affect / your business)
- LIM Yes, it has. People don't have much money to spend.
- INTERVIEWER _____ 3
(you / have / financial problems)
- LIM Yes, we have. It's been very hard to continue in business.
- INTERVIEWER _____ 4
(where / sell / your products up to now)
- LIM We've sold in local markets and through shops in Jakarta.
- INTERVIEWER _____ 5
(you / think about / selling outside Indonesia)
- LIM No, we haven't. Is it possible?
- INTERVIEWER Yes. Your products are good and I'm sure the Fairtrade organization would like to help you.



7 Practice drills: Present Perfect Simple, Past Simple

7.1, 7.2 Follow the instructions on the Student's CD/Cassette. If necessary, refer to the Listening scripts on p.84.

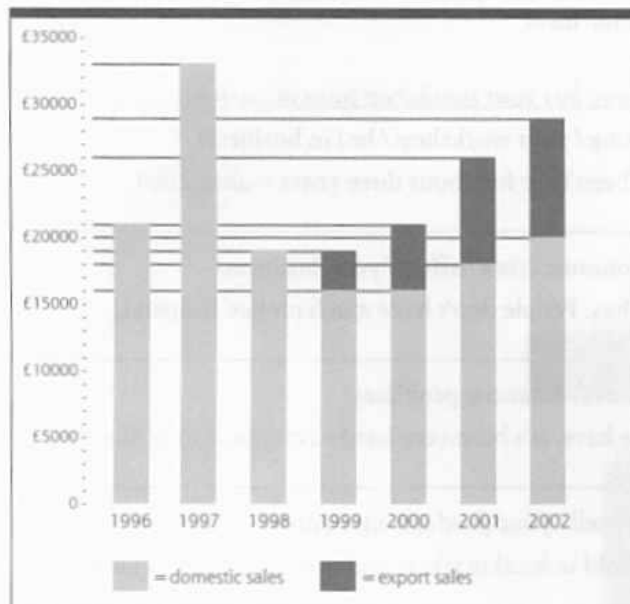
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Pronunciation Past Simple and Present Perfect Simple

7.3 Listen to the sentences. Which tense do you hear? Write PS for the Past Simple, and PPS for the Present Perfect Simple.

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|--------------|---------|
| 1 <u>PPS</u> | 5 _____ |
| 2 <u>PS</u> | 6 _____ |
| 3 _____ | 7 _____ |
| 4 _____ | 8 _____ |

- 1 Look at the chart. Complete the sentences. Use *at*, *by*, *in*, *of*, *from*, and *to*.



- In 1997, domestic sales rose dramatically from \$21,000 to \$33,000.
- In 1998, there was a big fall _____ domestic sales – they went down _____ just \$19,000.
- There was another fall _____ \$3,000 _____ domestic sales in 1999.
- Export sales started in 1999, so total sales for that year remained stable _____ \$19,000.
- In 2000, export sales increased _____ 66%.
- In 2001, there was a small increase _____ domestic sales _____ \$18,000.
- Export sales also rose _____ \$5,000 in 2001.
- In 2002, there was a rise _____ \$3,000 _____ total sales: sales went up _____ \$26,000 _____ \$29,000.

- 2 Complete the tables.

| Verb | Noun | Adjective | Adverb |
|----------|-------------------|-----------|--------|
| decrease | <u>a decrease</u> | dramatic | _____ |
| fall | _____ | sharp | _____ |
| improve | _____ | slight | _____ |
| increase | _____ | steady | _____ |
| rise | _____ | | |

- 3 Change the sentences to give the same meaning. Use the words in 2.

- There has been a sharp fall in UK sales.
UK sales have fallen sharply.
- Sales to the US have risen dramatically.
There has been a dramatic rise _____ in sales to the US.
- The cost of energy has decreased steadily.
There _____ in the cost of energy.
- There has been a sharp fall in other production costs.
Other production costs _____.
- There has been a steady improvement in production quality.
Production quality _____.
- There has been a slight decrease in staff numbers.
Staff numbers _____.
- Working conditions have improved dramatically.
There _____ in working conditions.
- Average pay has increased slightly.
There _____ in average pay.

Opinions and suggestions

Complete the two conversations between Anne and her colleagues, Carl and Yvette. Use the phrases in the box.

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| I'm not sure about that. | why don't you get a job abroad |
| In my opinion, | Yes, that's a good idea. |
| What do you think about that? | Why not travel round |
| Any ideas on | I think |

Conversation 1

ANNE I'm happy in my job, but I'd like a new challenge.
 _____ ¹ what I can do?

CARL _____ ² the world for a year?

ANNE I don't just want to travel. I'd like to really get to know another country and learn about their culture.

CARL Well, _____ ³
 for a year or two? You could help people in the Third World and learn about their culture, too.

ANNE _____ ⁴ I'll talk to my boss about it.



Conversation 2

YVETTE What did your boss say?

ANNE He's given me unpaid leave for a year.

YVETTE That's good of him! What do you plan to do?

ANNE I'm going to work for Oxfam and help build new schools in Guatemala. _____ ⁵

YVETTE _____ ⁶ it's a bad career move.
 You can return to your job, but _____ ⁷
 you're going to lose opportunities for promotion.

ANNE _____ ⁸
 The company hopes to expand into Latin America. My boss says it could be very useful experience.

🔊 7.4 Listen to the conversations and check your answers.

🔊 7.5 Listen and repeat the phrases on the Student's CD/Cassette.



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