



El accidente

Los sábados, la señora Saunders lleva a sus hijos al parque de la ciudad. Los niños se divierten mucho allí. Se encuentran con sus amigos y pasan el día nadando en la piscina pública y jugando fútbol.

El sábado pasado, la señora Saunders llevó a sus hijos al parque como de costumbre. Estaba frío pero agradable y el sol brillaba. Después de preparar una cesta con la merienda, ellos partieron. En el camino, la señora Saunders se detuvo para comprar un periódico y algunas revistas para ella y unos libros de historietas para los niños.

Ella estacionó el auto al lado opuesto de un kiosco de revistas y dijo a los niños que la esperaran en el carro. Tommy dijo que él quería escoger un libro de historietas por sí mismo. Su madre le dijo que ella encogería las historietas por él. Ella bajó del auto y cruzó rápidamente la calle.

Después de cruzar la calle, la señora Saunders miró atrás. Ella vió a Tommy abriendo la puerta del auto, tratando de seguirla. La señora Saunders le pidió que se quedara en el auto, pero Tommy abrió la puerta y cruzó apresuradamente la calle. En el momento en que Tommy bajó del auto, el semáforo cambió y un camión avanzaba por la vía.

La señora Saunders gritó, pero el conductor vio a Tommy y logró detenerse justo a tiempo para esquivarlo. Desafortunadamente, el auto que venía detrás del camión no vió lo que estaba sucediendo y chocó contra él.

Tommy llegó ilesos al otro lado de la calle, pero su madre casi se desmaya de la impresión. El camión resultó solo con ligeros daños, pero el radiador del auto fue gravemente destrozado.



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The accident

On Saturdays, Mrs. Saunders takes her children to the City Park. The children enjoy themselves very much there. They meet their friends and spend the day swimming in the public pool and playing football.

Last Saturday, Mrs. Saunders took the children to the park, as usual. It was cold but pleasant and the sun was shining. After she prepared a picnic basket, they set off. On the way, she stopped to buy the newspaper and some magazines for herself and some comic books for the children.

She parked across from the newsstand and told the children to wait in the car. Tommy said that he wanted to choose a comic book himself. His mother said that she would choose the comics for him. She got out of the car and walked quickly across the street.

After crossing the street, Mrs. Saunders looked back. She saw Tommy opening the door of the car to try to come after her. Mrs. Saunders asked him to stay in the car, but Tommy opened the door and rushed across the street. A moment after, Tommy left the car, the traffic signal changed and a big truck was coming down the road.

Mrs. Saunders screamed, but the driver saw Tommy and managed to stop just in time to avoid him. Unfortunately the car that was behind the truck did not see what was happening and crashed into it.

Tommy arrived safely at the other side of the road, but his mother almost fainted from the shock. The truck was only slightly damaged, but the car's radiator was badly smashed.

New Vocabulary

Nouns	Verbs		Adjectives	Adverbs
-Children	-Avoid	-Rush	-Big	-Badly
-Picnic basket	-Enjoy	-Scream	-Cold	-Just
-Traffic-signal	-Happen	-Shine	-Crashed	-Quickly
-Road	-Leave	-Spend	-Pleasant	-Safely
-Truck	-Prepare	-Stay	-Smashed	-Slightly
			-Usual	



Now, something important!

Reflexive Pronouns

Singular	Plural
Myself Yourself Herself, himself, itself	Ourselves Yourselves themselves

Examples: The children enjoy **themselves** very much there.

She stopped to buy the newspaper and some magazines for **herself**.

Tommy said that he wanted to choose a comic book **himself**.

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For better reference, see **Finding Out About Grammar Book**, Unit 1, pages 11-14.



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De prisa

El viernes en la tarde el señor Johnson salió corriendo de su oficina. Él tenía una cita con su dentista faltando un cuarto para las seis. Sin embargo, a las cinco y cuarto su jefe le había llamado inesperadamente para preguntarle acerca del contrato del nuevo edificio.

Faltaban veinte para las seis, cuando él volvió a su oficina. Apresuradamente se puso su impermeable, tomó su sombrero y su portafolio. En el momento en que salía del edificio, la recepcionista le llamó.



Perdone, señor Johnson. El señor Atkins acaba de llamarla para que le dé un mensaje. Dice que usted dejó su sombrero y portafolio en la oficina y que en su lugar se llevó los de él.

In a hurry

On Friday afternoon, Mr. Johnson left his office in a rush. At a quarter to six he had an appointment with his dentist. However, at a quarter after five his boss called him unexpectedly to ask him about the new building contract.

It was twenty to six when he got back to his office. He hurriedly put on his raincoat and took his hat and briefcase in his hand. As he was walking quickly out of the building, the receptionist called him.



Excuse me, Mr. Johnson. Mr. Atkins just called me with a message for you. He says that you left your hat and briefcase in the office and that you took his instead.

New Vocabulary

Nouns

-Appointment -Dentist -Raincoat
-Briefcase -Hat -Rush

Adverbs

-Instead -Unexpectedly
-Hurriedly



Now, something important!

Adverbs

Tell us how something happens. Add **-ly** to the adjective.

Examples: His boss called him unexpectedly.
He hurriedly put on his raincoat.

Ref For better reference, see **Finding Out About Grammar Book**, Unit 5, pages 68-79.