

MEETING IV

PAST TENSE

A. OBJECTIVES

After studying this material, students are able to:

4.1 comprehend the use of past tense

B. MATERIAL DESCRIPTION

1. INTRODUCTION

Answer the questions below based on your experiences.



Picture 1 Farmhouse Lembang



Picture 2 Monas



Picture 3 Ngarai Sianok

1. Have you been on vacation?
2. Are there any vacation destinations in your city?
3. Is there any vacation destination that you want to visit?

REMEMBER: Verbs come in three tenses: past, present, and future. The past is used to describe things that have already happened (e.g., earlier in the day, yesterday, last week, three years ago). The present tense is used to describe things that are happening right now, or things that are continuous. The future tense describes things that have yet to happen (e.g., later, tomorrow, next week, next year, three years from now).

Read the following text and answer the questions below!

Dear Allen,

Two years ago, I visited Borobudur Temple. I went there with my parent and my little sister. We went to Borobudur temple by car. I left my house at nine o'clock. It took us forty five minutes to drive a car. I arrived there at a quarter to ten. Along the road, I saw many vehicles, houses, buildings, trees, and peoples.

After we arrived at the Borobudur temple, my father went to park the car. My mother, my little sister and i went to buy tickets. After we waited my father we entered into Borobudur temple area's. Then we went up to the top of the temple. Borobudur temple was built at Budur Village, Magelang, Jawa Tengah by Dynasty Syailendra. Borobudur Temple is the biggest temple in the world. It has 504 statue and 1.400 relief. From the top of the temple we can looked beautiful scenery. I played with my sister and bought drinks. Finally, we go back house.

I felt tired but I felt so happy can visited Borobudur temple with my family. I hope the temple was cared for by all of the visitors and the government.

With love,

Picture 1.8

Andrew

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Questions

1. What is the text about?
2. How was the writers' feeling after visiting Borobudur temple?
3. With whom did the writer visit Borobudur temple?
4. Where is the location of Borobudur temple?
5. What did the writer do after buying tickets?

2. GRAMMAR

Tense	Signal words	Use	Form	Examples affirmative	Examples negative	Examples interrogative
Simple Past or Past Simple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> last ago in 1990 yesterday 	action finished in the past, mostly connected with an expression of time (no connection to the present)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> regular: infinitive + -ed irregular: 2nd column of table of irregular verbs 	I worked .	I didn't work.	Did I work?
				He worked .	He didn't work.	Did he work?
				I went .	I didn't go.	Did I go?
				He went .	He didn't go.	Did he go?
Past Progressive or Past Continuous	while	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> an action happened in the middle of another action someone was doing sth. at a certain time (in the past) - you do not know whether it was finished or not 	was/were + infinitive + -ing	I was work- ing .	I wasn't working.	Was I work- ing?
				He was work- ing .	He wasn't working.	Was he work- ing?
				I was go- ing .	I wasn't go- ing.	Was I go- ing?
				He was go- ing .	He wasn't go- ing.	Was he go- ing?
Simple Past Perfect or Past Perfect (Simple)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> already just never 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> mostly when two actions in a story are related to each other: the action which had already happened is put into Past Perfect, the other action into Simple Past the past of Present Perfect 	had + past participle*	I had worked .	I hadn't worked.	Had I worked?
				He had worked .	He hadn't worked.	Had he worked?
				I had gone .	I hadn't gone.	Had I gone?
				He had gone .	He hadn't gone.	Had he gone?
Past Perfect Progressive or Past Perfect Continuous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> how long since for 	how long something had been happening before something else happened	had + been + infinitive + ing	I had been work- ing .	I hadn't been work- ing.	Had I been work- ing?
				He had been work- ing .	He hadn't been work- ing.	Had he been work- ing?
				I had been go- ing .	I hadn't been go- ing.	Had I been go- ing?
				He had been go- ing .	He hadn't been go- ing.	Had he been go- ing?

Details:

1. Use of the Simple Past

- a. Actions finished in the past

Example: I **visited** Berlin last week.

- b. Series of completed actions in the past

Example: First I **got** up, then I **had** breakfast.

- c. Together with the Past Progressive/Continuous, The Simple Past interrupted an action which was in progress in the past.

Example: They **were playing** cards, when the telephone **rang**.

1st action → Past Progressive → **were playing**

2nd action → Simple Past → **rang**

2. Use of the Past Progressive

- a. Actions were in progress at a special time in the past

Example: Peter **was reading** a book yesterday evening

- b. Two actions were happening at the same time (the actions do not influence each other)

Example: Anne **was writing** a letter while Steve **was reading** the New York Times.

- c. Together with Simple Past

Example: While we **were sitting** at the breakfast table, the telephone **rang**.

- d. Repeated actions irritating the speaker (with always, constantly, forever)

Example: Andrew **was always coming late**.

3. Use of the Past Perfect

- a. Together with the Simple Past

Example: Mary **had read** the book before she watched a film

- b. The past equivalent of the Present Perfect

Example: He **had played** hockey.

4. Use of the Past Perfect Progressive

How long something had been happening before something else happened

Example: I **had been waiting** for Susan for 2 hours when she arrived.

The irregular verbs

Infinitive	Simple past	Past participle
be	was/were	Been
put	put	Put
quit*	quit	quit
become	became	become
begin	began	begun
bend	bent	bent
bet*	bet	Bet
bid	bid, bade	bid, bidden
give	gave	given
grind	ground	ground
blow	blew	blown
break	broke	broken
spend	spent	spent
spin	spun	spun
swear	swore	sworn
sweep	swept	swept
swim	swam	swum
swing	swung	swung
take	took	taken
teach	taught	taught
tear	tore	torn
tell	told	told
think	thought	thought

C. EXERCISES

Exercise 1:

Which answers are correct? You may choose more than one option.

1. Which sentences/questions are in the Simple Past?
 - a. He didn't learn for school.
 - b. I fell from the tree.
 - c. I've found a pen.
 - d. She was in Hamburg.
 - e. We were watching a film.
2. Which verb forms are in the Simple Past?
 - a. Had
 - b. Has
 - c. Played
 - d. Was
 - e. Were
3. Which of the following words are used with the Simple Past (signal words)?
 - a. at the moment
 - b. in 2002
 - c. two weeks ago
 - d. while
 - e. yesterday

Exercise 2:

Choose the best answer!

1. Ahmad: Mah, what were you doing when I phoned your mother last night?
Halimah: I ... TV
 - a. Watch
 - b. Am watching
 - c. Have watched
 - d. Was watching
2. I was sleeping when my father...the announcement about me in the radio.
 - a. Hear
 - b. Heard
 - c. Was hearing
 - d. Hears
3. Fairel ... to Paris last year with his parent.
 - a. Goes
 - b. Did

- c. Went
 - d. Go
4. Budi: Anwar was promoted president of your company last week; wasn't he?
Anton: I'm glad he was; he ... in this company for years.
- a. Worked
 - b. Had worked
 - c. Has been working
 - d. Was working
5. Dina: We haven't heard from Didi for such a long time.
Dini: We haven't either, since he ... to Dili
- a. Had moved
 - b. Moves
 - c. Has moved
 - d. Moved

Exercise 3: Arrange these jumbled words into good sentences.

1. I – vacation – last – hometown – decided – go – to – Sleman – in – my
- to

Last Vacation, I decided to go to my hometown in Sleman.

2. Our – went – then – homes – we - to

3. blue – friends – went – I – my – with – went – lagoon – to

4. Time – could – I – Lagoon – hope – next – I – visit - Blue

Exercise 4:

Change the underlined verbs to simple past forms.

Fantastic Holiday at Yogyakarta

Last week, I (go) to Yogyakarta with my family. My father (drives) the car. My mother (sits) beside him. My sister and I sat in the back seats.

We woke up early in the morning. My father (prepares) the car in the garage while mother was preparing food for breakfast and some snacks for us. My sister and I (pack) some clothes. After everything (gets) ready and we had our breakfast, we left the house at six o'clock.

It was about nine A.M. We (arrive) at Yogyakarta. First of all we visited our uncle. We stayed there for an hour. Then we went to Parangtritis beach. We got there at eleven o'clock. There were a lot of tourists because it was holiday. I (see) many foreign visitors too. My parents (watch) us playing with sand in the beach. We did not swim and take a bath since the wave was rough. After having lunch, we went on our picnic to the museum and Malioboro shopping centre.

We drove back to Semarang at 7 o'clock and arrived home at ten. We (are) tired but happy.



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