



My Bad Day at Work

A. Reading

I had a bad day at work today. I was late because I missed the bus. I missed an important meeting, and my boss was mad. I also forgot to bring an important report because I brought the wrong briefcase. On my way to my boss's office, I got a coffee. Then I spilled the coffee on my shirt by mistake. In his office, I tripped on a phone cord and fell. He was very angry about the report. Later, I told my colleagues that the boss was in a bad mood. I did an impression of the boss and made fun of him. When I turned around, the boss was behind me. He heard everything. He called me into his office, and he fired me. On my way home, I went to my favourite deli for a salami sandwich. But they had no more salami! It was the worst day of my life.

My Bad Day at Work cont.

B. Questions

1. Did he have a good day at work?

2. Why was he late for work?

3. What did he miss at work?

4. What did he forget to bring?

5. What did he do with his coffee?

6. What happened in the boss's office?

7. What did his boss hear him doing?

8. When his boss called him into his office, what did his boss do?

9. Where did he go on his way home?

10. Did he get a salami sandwich?



Our Day at the Park

A. Reading

I went to the park with my mum and our dog today. We went down the slide. My mum pushed me on the swing. We also found a small pond. The dog and I splashed around in the pond. Then we played tag. My mum brought a picnic lunch. We sat on the grass and ate sandwiches. The dog chased squirrels. Afterwards, my mum bought me an ice-cream cone! Then I saw my friends Alex and Jenny. We all played frisbee together. Then I felt tired, so we went home.

Our Day at the Park cont.

B. Questions

1. Who went to the park with him?

2. What did he do with the dog in the pond?

3. Where did they eat their lunch?

4. What did they eat for lunch?

5. What did the dog do while they ate?

6. What did his mum do after lunch?

7. What did he do with Alex and Jenny?

8. Why did they go home?



Sarah and Fred's First Date

A. Reading

Fred picked Sarah up from her house in the afternoon. First, they went to the art gallery. They both liked the Picasso paintings best. Then they walked in the park and held hands. In the evening, they went to a Japanese restaurant. Fred ordered sushi, and Sarah ordered teriyaki. Afterward, they took another walk in the town centre. Fred gave Sarah his jacket because she was cold. They saw a quiet cafe and went inside. They both ordered coffee and shared a piece of chocolate cake. Then Fred drove Sarah home. They both enjoyed the evening.

Sarah and Fred's First Date cont.

B. Questions

1. When did Fred pick Sarah up?

2. Where did they go first?

3. Did both Sarah and Fred like the Picasso paintings best?

4. What did they do in the park?

5. What did Fred order for dinner?

6. Why did Fred give Sarah his jacket?

7. What did they share at the cafe?

8. Did they both enjoy the evening?

About You

A. Questions

Answer the following questions using the simple past.

1. Did you have a good day or a bad day today?

2. Did you forget to do anything important today?

3. Did you arrive on time today?

4. Did you go somewhere interesting last weekend?

If so, where did you go and what did you do?

5. Did you buy any snacks yesterday? What did you buy?

6. Did you go out on a date or go out with a friend last week? If so, did you enjoy it?

7. Did you eat in a restaurant last week? If so, what did you order?

About You cont.

B. Drawing

Draw a picture of yourself in the box, or paste in a photograph.

C. Writing

Now use the questions and answers on page 7 to write a short paragraph about yourself.

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Your Own Story

A. Drawing

Draw a picture in the box, or paste in a photograph.



B. Writing

Using the simple past, write a short paragraph about the picture in the box. Use your notebook if you don't have enough space below.

Your Own Story cont.

C. Questions

Write five questions about your paragraph.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

D. Answers

Give your story and questions to a classmate.

Have them read your story and answer your questions below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Answer Key

LESSON DESCRIPTION:

In this lesson, students read three stories that use the simple past in context. They answer comprehension questions and write two paragraphs of their own using the simple past.

LEVEL: Beg – Low Int

TIME: 1.5–2 hours

TAGS: simple past, past, past tense, verbs, verb tenses, grammar in context, regular verbs, irregular verbs

My Bad Day at Work

1. No, he had a bad day at work.
2. He was late because he missed the bus.
3. He missed an important meeting.
4. He forgot to bring an important report.
5. He spilled coffee on his shirt by mistake.
6. He tripped over a phone cord and fell in the boss's office.
7. His boss heard him when he was doing an impression of his boss.
8. His boss fired him.
9. On his way home, he went to his favourite deli.
10. No, he didn't get a salami sandwich.

Our Day at the Park

1. He went to the park with his mum and his dog.
2. He splashed around in the pond with his dog.
3. They ate lunch on the grass.
4. They ate sandwiches for lunch.
5. While they ate, the dog chased squirrels.
6. After lunch, his mum bought him an ice-cream cone.
7. He played frisbee with Alex and Jenny.
8. They went home because he felt tired.

Sarah and Fred's First Date

1. Fred picked Sarah up in the afternoon.
2. First, they went to the art gallery.
3. Yes, both Fred and Sarah liked the Picasso paintings the best.
4. They walked and held hands in the park.
5. Fred ordered sushi for dinner.
6. Fred gave Sarah his jacket because she was cold.
7. They shared a piece of chocolate cake at the cafe.
8. Yes, they both enjoyed the evening.

About You

Individual answers.

Your Own Story

Individual answers.