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GRADE 4 ENGLISH WORKSHEET 2 MAY 4 - 11

Part 1: Grammar Topic 9: The Past Tenses

There are three kinds of Past tenses:

- **The Simple Past Tense**
- **The Past Continuous Tense**
- **The |Past Perfect Tense**

The Simple Past tense is used to express action that have been finished completely or to show past time habits.

Sometimes we use expression to show the time for example *last year, many years ago, this morning, yesterday, the other day, before etc.*

Examples: Last year we went to Hawwasa on vacation.
Yesterday we watched a new film on TV.
We found new books in the library.
I used to chew gum.
I don't know when he won the lottery.

The Past Continuous Tense is used to show past actions that were in progress or to indicate an action that was in progress when another action was done, or for persistent habits in the past.

Examples: They were running for their lives.
The child was crying for his mother.
The boy was trying not to laugh.
When t he teacher came in, all the students were shouting.
When the phone rang, I was frying an egg.
He was always behaving badly, so they threw him out of school.
Has smoking cigars, ever since he was 14.

The Past Perfect tense is used to show an action in the remotest past (before another past action)
For example:
We had run out of sugar, so I went to buy some.
They had gone home, before we arrived.
The prisoner had escaped before the police noticed it.
I had read many books before I found Treasure Island.
He had visited many countries before he came to Ethiopia.

Exercise 1*: Use the correct form of the Past Tense to fill in the blanks of the verbs in the brackets.*

I _____ (want) to stay at home, but my father _____ (decide) to take me to see a football match at the stadium. We _____ (leave) the house at 2 pm. It _____(be) hot. We _____ (could not) get a bus. So we _____ (walk). As we _____(walk) many cars full of fans ____ (go) by.
When we _____ (reach) the stadium, the game _____ (start).

Part 2: Vocabulary: *Unjumble these words and learn their meanings;*

1. quecesen _____
2. plomcete _____

3. icfepsic _____
4. fyomdi _____
5. quafily _____
6. theware _____
7. tevelv _____
8. stycral _____
9. albegnchae _____
10. trypoe _____

Part 3: Spoken English – *Read the dialogue with a friend.*

Biruk: Shall we study together this afternoon?
Ahmed: It is a good idea. Where shall we meet?
Biruk: Come to my house. It is quiet here. My parents will not be at home.
Ahmed: Good. What books shall I bring?
Biruk: I would like to study Math with you. I am finding it hard to understand the fractions
Ahmed: Well, that is my favorite subject. I will help you learn it.
Biruk: If you want we could do some English reading. I am good at that.
Ahmed: Yes that would help me. I need some practice and also to learn the spellings.
Biruk: This afternoon, then..
Ahmed: See you soon.

Write a continuation of this conversation as the two students meet to discuss their subjects
Biruk: _____

Ahmed: _____

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