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Grammar Workout: Verbs, Tenses, and Structure

Interactive Exercises for Classroom Practice



Sharpen Your Grammar Skills!

- Today, we'll be practicing key areas of English grammar.
- We will focus on verb choice, tense usage, sentence correction.
- Work individually or in small groups on the exercises.
- Be ready to share and discuss your answers!

Choose the Correct Verb

- The earth _____ round the sun.
• (move, moves, moved)
- My friends _____ the film yesterday.
• (see, saw, have seen)
- It started to rain while we _____ tennis.
• (are playing, had played, were playing)
- I _____ English for five years.
• (have been studying, study, am studying)
- The train _____ before we reached the station.
• (arrives, will have arrived, had arrived)

Choose the Correct Verb (Part 2)

- 6. Don't disturb me. I _____ my work.
- (do, did, am doing)
- 7. Fortune _____ the brave. (is favouring, will favour, favours)
- 8. I _____ the letter before you arrived.
- (had written, wrote, will write)
- 9. He _____ us next week. (will have met, will have been meeting, will be meeting)
- 10. Perhaps we _____ Delhi next month. (visit, will visit, visited)

Dialogue Completion

- (Use Present, Past, or Perfect)
- Rashid: Rahul! Manas sent a postcard from Kerala. It (look) _____ nice. Rahul: I bet it does! Rashid: He (write) _____ that it's very hot. There (be) _____ a lot of tourists. The hotels (be) _____ full. He (say) _____ the restaurants (be) _____ always full! Rahul: Yes. The papers (say) _____ that the temperature there is 30°C. Rashid: Then he (write) _____ that he has learnt Malayalam, and (get on) _____ well with the people!



Check Your Answers! (Exercise 1)

- 1. moves | 2. saw | 3. were playing | 4. have been studying | 5. had arrived
- 6. am doing | 7. favours | 8. had written | 9. will be meeting | 10. will visit
- *Dialogue:* looks, writes, are, are, says, are, say, writes, is getting on.



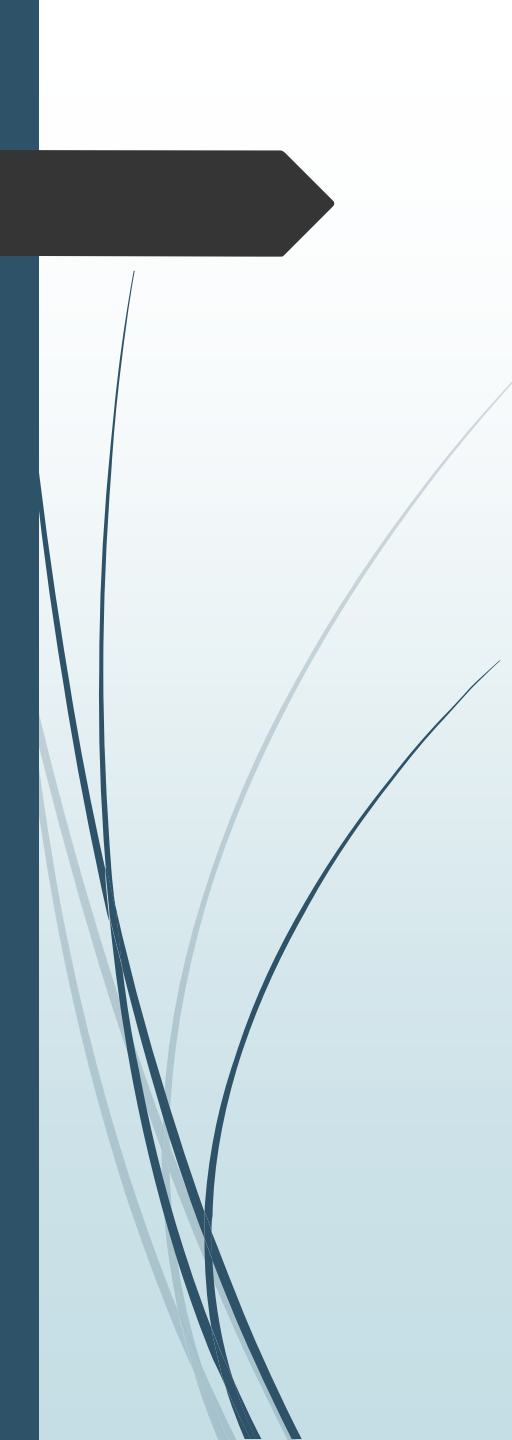
Correct the Tense and Structure

- I lived in Paris since 1930.
- She died before her husband came.
- I have written a letter to her last Monday.
- I am reading a novel for the last six days.
- The new hotel has been opened last Saturday.
- He had gone to Basra last week.
- The train leave the station before I reached there.
- I wish my men had been coming quickly and find us.
- At the moment the baby sleep in the cradle.
- He goes out for ten minutes.



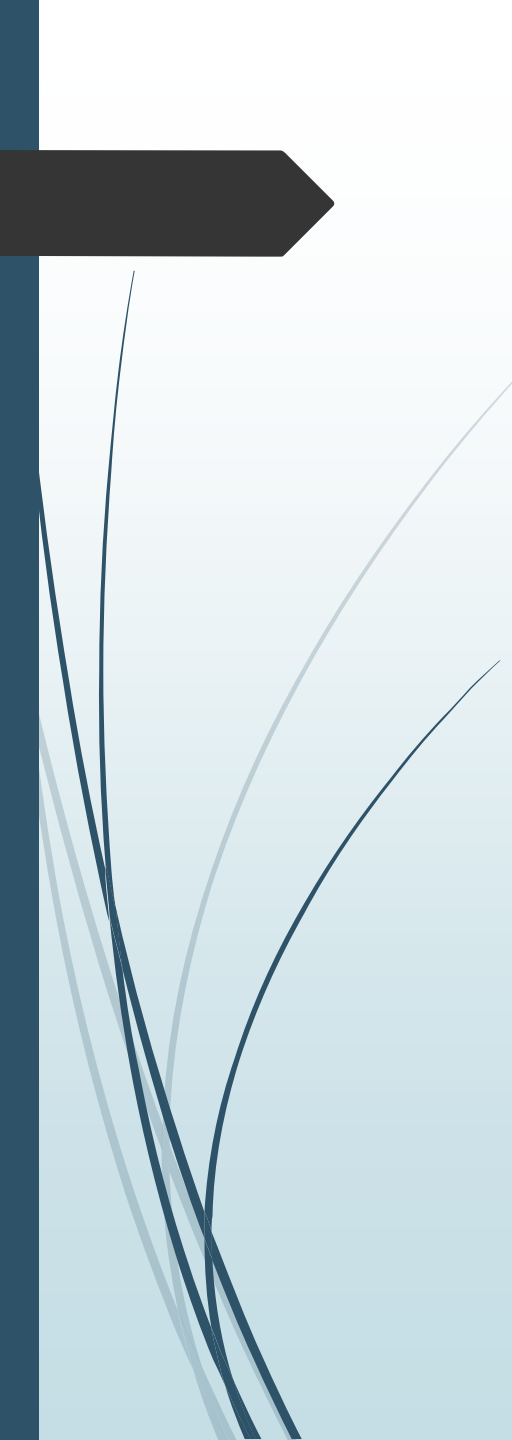
Check Your Answers! (Exercise 2)

- I **have lived** in.....
- She **had died** before...
- I **wrote** a letter...
- I **have been reading**.....
- The new hotel **was opened**...
- He **went** to
- The train **had left**...
- I wish my men **would come**...
- The baby **is sleeping**...
- He **went out** ten minutes ago.



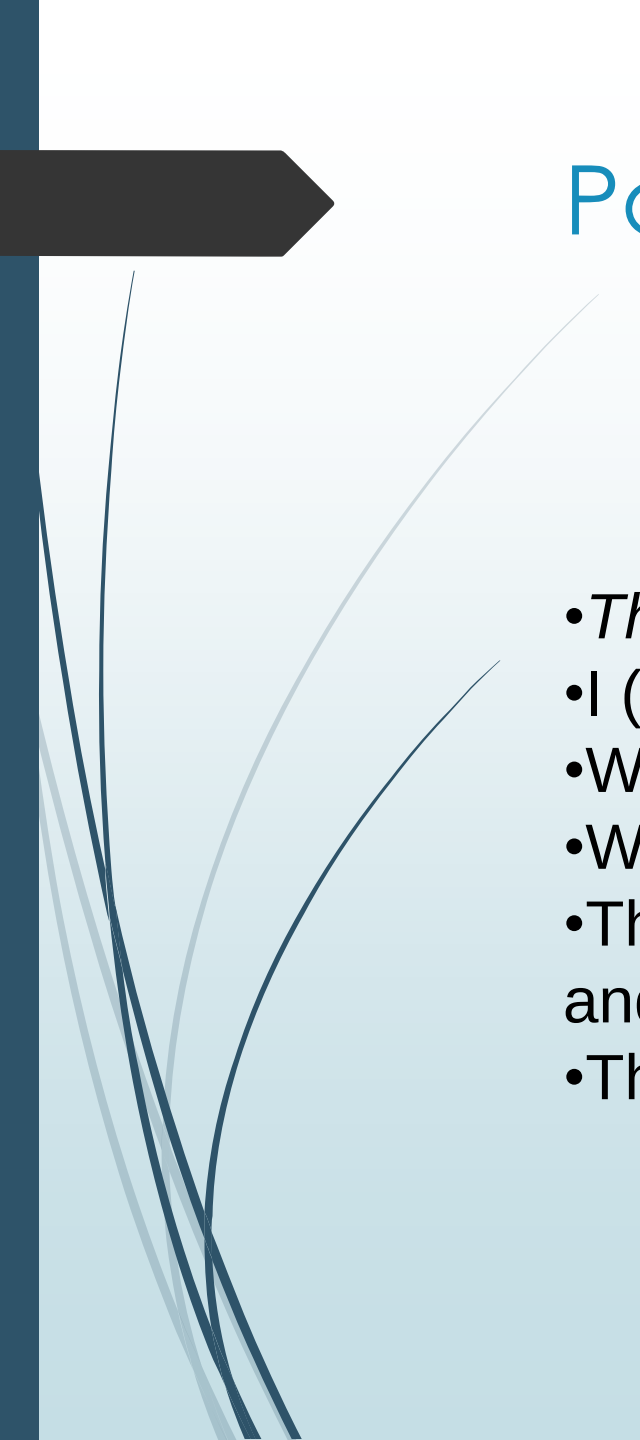
• *Theory:* Use **Past Continuous** for a long action, and **Simple Past** for the short interruption.

- I (watch) TV when she (call).
- When the phone (ring), she (write) a letter.
- While we (have) the picnic, it (start) to rain.
- What you (do) when the earthquake (start)?
- While John (sleep) last night, someone (steal) his car.
- Sammy (wait) for us when we (get) off the plane.
- I (listen) to my iPod, so I didn't (hear) the fire alarm.
- While I (write) the email, the computer suddenly (go) off.



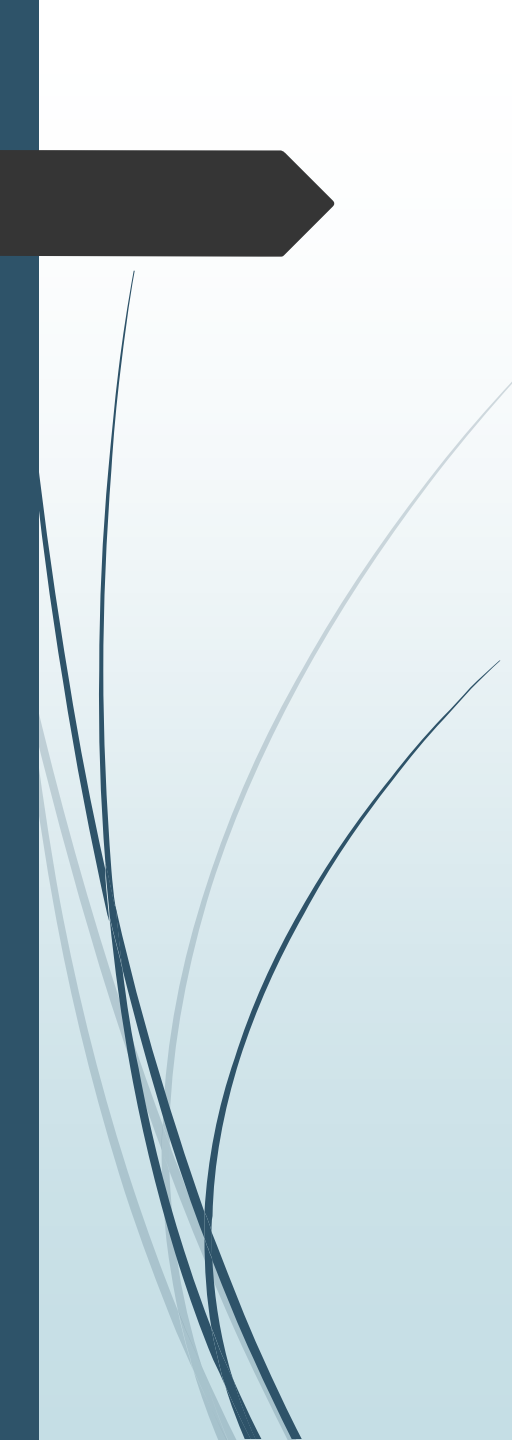
Theory: Use Past Continuous to say what you were doing at a specific moment.

- Last night at 6 PM, I (eat) dinner.
- At midnight, we (drive) through the desert.
- Yesterday at this time, I (sit) at my desk at work.
- *Compare:*
- A: What were you doing when you broke your leg?
- B: I was snowboarding.



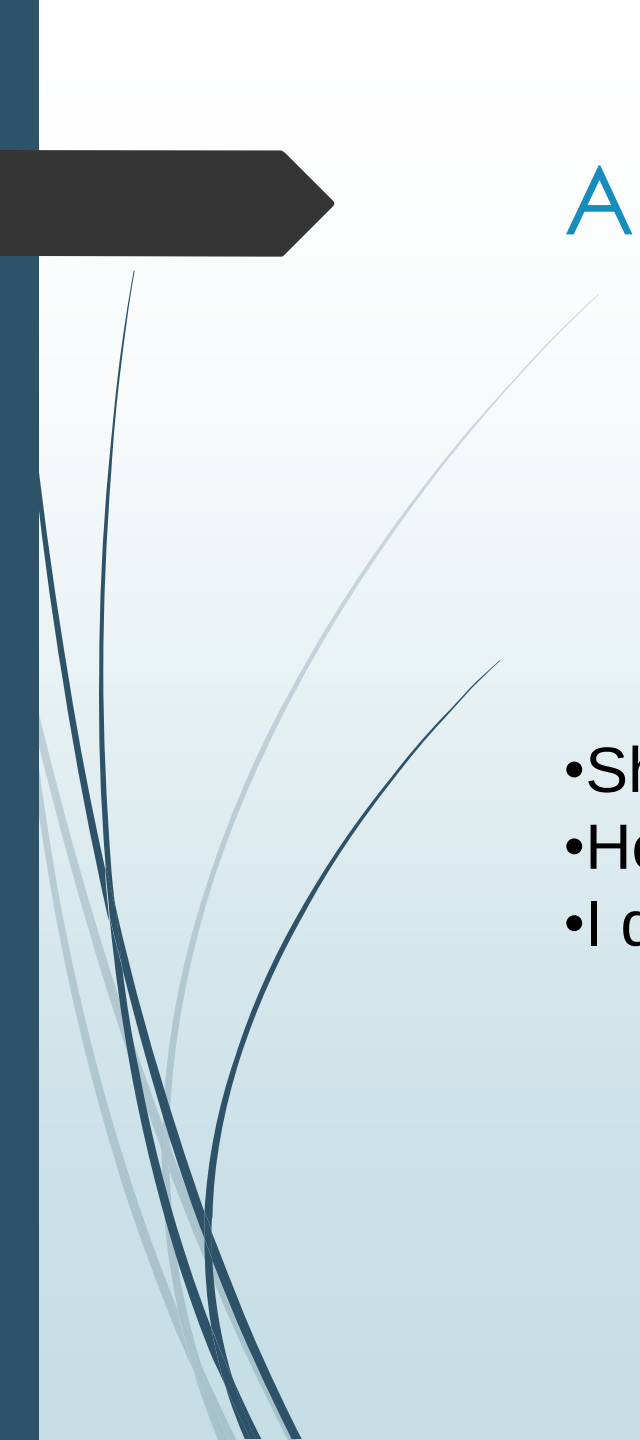
Parallel Actions (Two things at once)

- *Theory:* Use "While" when two actions happen simultaneously.
- I (study) while he (make) dinner.
- While Ellen (reading), Tim (watching) television.
- Were they (listen) while he (talking)?
- They (eat) dinner, (discuss) their plans, and (have) a good time.
- Thomas wasn't (work), and I wasn't (work) either.



Read this passage to see how Past Continuous paints a picture:

- When I walked into the office, several people were busily typing, some were talking on the phones, the boss was yelling directions, and customers were waiting to be helped. One customer was yelling at a secretary and waving his hands. Others were complaining to each other about the bad service."



Annoying Habits

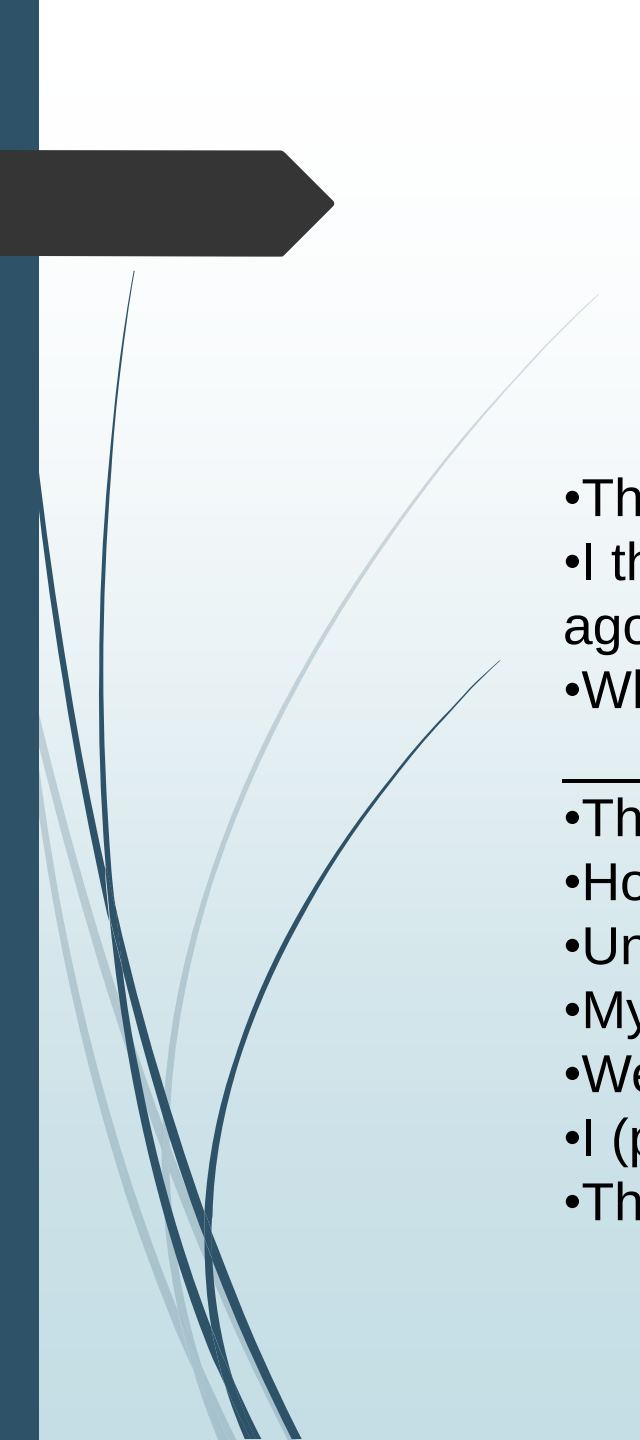
- She was always coming to class late.
- He was constantly talking. He annoyed everyone.
- I didn't like them because they were always complaining.

Exercise 1 - Simple Past Habits

- *Instructions:* Fill in the blanks with Simple Past.
- When I was in school, I _____ (to do) my homework everyday.
- She _____ (to like) chocolate milk when she was a girl.
- It always _____ (to rain) when we lived in Seattle.
- Joey and Mike _____ (to be) friends a long time ago.
- I _____ (to try) to make a snowman last winter.
- Our favorite game when we were little _____ (to be) chess.
- It _____ (to be) so sunny yesterday.
- Jeremy _____ (to want) to go to the beach this summer.
- Shelby _____ (to save) \$100.
- It _____ (to snow) last December.

Exercise 2 - Mixed Verbs

- I (eat)_____ dinner at six o'clock yesterday.
- A: _____ Helen (drive)_____ to work? B: Yes, she _____.
- My neighbor (buy)_____ a new car last week.
- They (go)_____ to Italy on their last summer holiday.
- A: _____ they (swim)_____ at the beach? B: No, they _____.
- My family and I (see)_____ a comedy movie last night.
- First, we (do)_____ exercise, and then we (drink)_____ some water.
- Suddenly, the animal jumped and (bite)_____ my hand.
- What time (do)_____ you (get up)_____ this morning?

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- The Wright brothers (fly)_____ the first airplane in 1903.
 - I think I (hear)_____ a strange sound outside the door one minute ago.
 - When I was ten years old, I (break)_____ my arm. It really (hurt) _____.
 - The police (catch)_____ all three of the bank robbers last week.
 - How many times (do)_____ you (read)_____ that book?
 - Unfortunately, I (forget)_____ to (bring)_____ my money.
 - My sister (try)_____ to bake a cake last Saturday.
 - We (not order)_____ steak and chips at the restaurant yesterday.
 - I (phone)_____ my cousin in Canada three days ago.
 - The children (play)_____ on the computer yesterday.



Question Formation

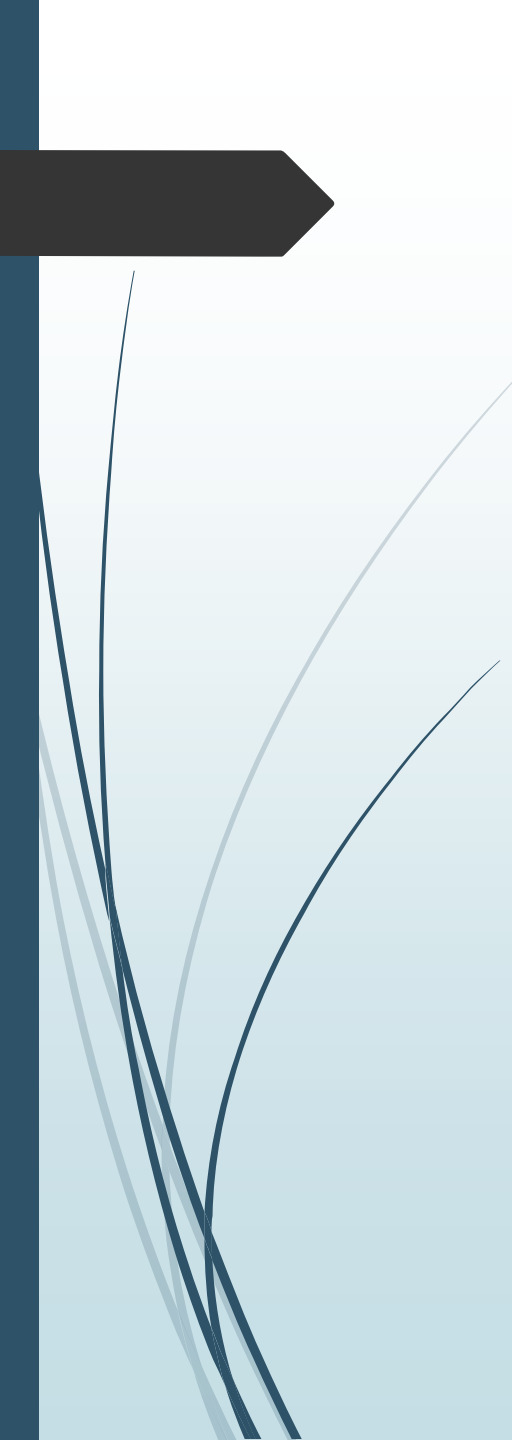
- Write these questions in the past.
- Does she buy the newspaper in the shop over there?
- Do they do their homework in the evening?
- Do they have a good holiday?
- Do they find any animal in the forest?
- Is it dark when she gets up in the morning?



Wh- Questions



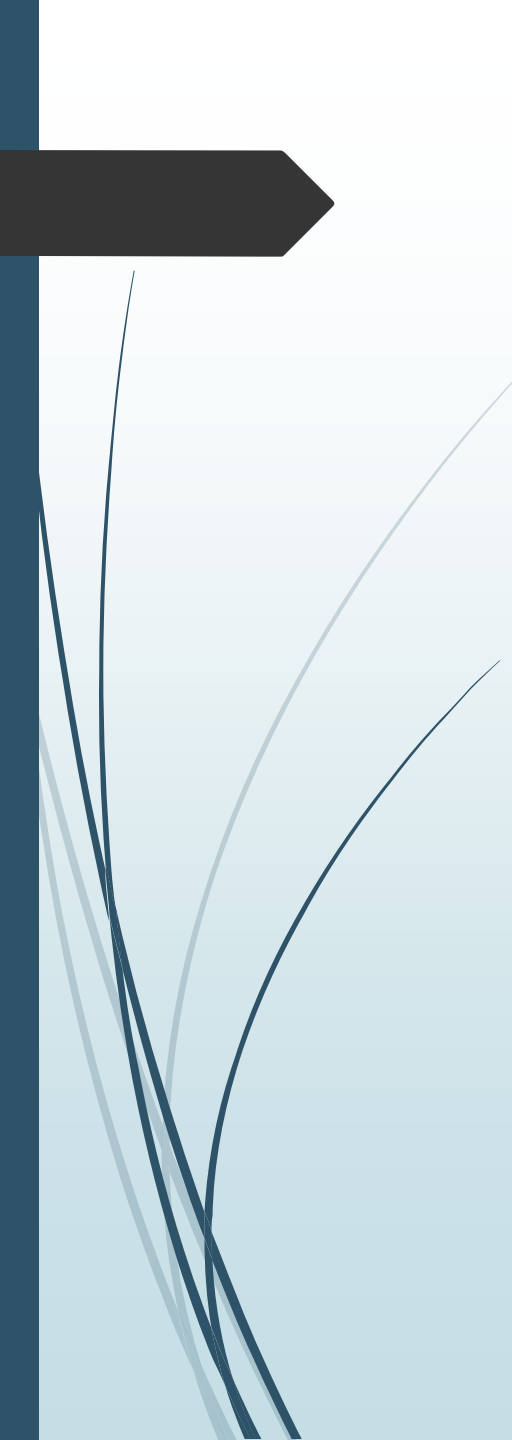
- Write questions for these answers.
- (Where) -> I went to the park.
- (When) -> My friend arrived at five o'clock.
- (What) -> He said "hello!"
- (When) -> The film started at seven.
- (Where) -> We went on a excursion.
- (Who) -> She visited her aunt.
- (Where) -> My grandparents lived in Italy.



Word Order

Instructions: Write questions in the past with these words.

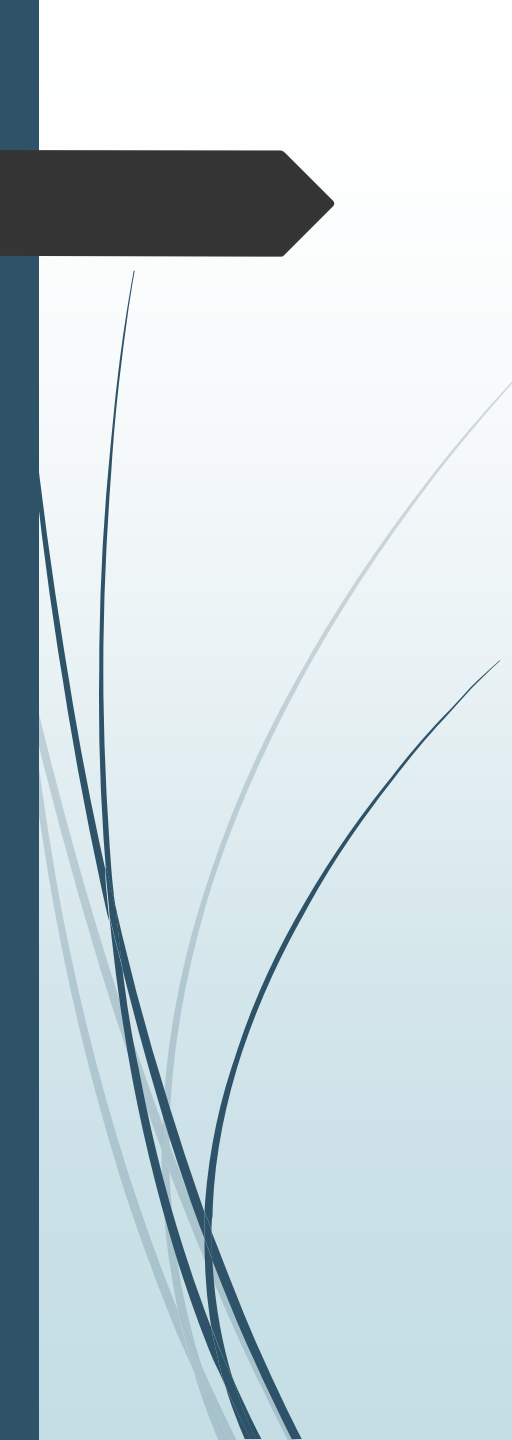
- when / study English / you
- what / do / yesterday / she
- like / the film / he
- live / in Paris / your parents
- walk / down / the road / they



Present to Past

Instructions: Change these sentences from Present to Past.

- He goes to the swimming pool because he likes swimming.
- They have dinner at nine o'clock.
- Adam runs 500 m.
- Helen eats too many sweets.
- I buy the newspaper in the shop.
- We get up at eight o'clock and go to school.



Jim's Day

Instructions: Write what Jim did or didn't do.

► *Examples:*

- Go to the bank (yes) -> He went to the bank.
- Buy some shoes (no) -> He didn't buy any shoes.

- Write to Sally (yes)
- Buy a shirt (yes)
- Have lunch with Adam (no)
- Write to Peter (yes)
- Go to the hospital (no)
- Have dinner with Susie (yes)
- Play football (no)
- Make dinner (yes)