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What a story!

TEST YOUR GRAMMAR

Read the story. Put the events into chronological order. What happened first? What happened last?

Burglar arrested

A COUPLE came home at midnight to find their house had been burgled. Bob and Janet Gilbreath had left their house at six o'clock to go to the theatre. When they got home, the back door had been smashed, and money and jewellery stolen. A neighbour said that she had heard a loud noise at about eight o'clock. Mr and Mrs Gilbreath, who moved to the house five years ago, told police that they had seen a man who had been acting suspiciously for several days before the robbery, and were able to give a description. A man answering the description was later arrested.

WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Narrative tenses

- Look at the newspaper headlines. What do you think is the whole story?
- What would you like to know? Write some more questions.
Did he mean to fall over?
Where was she climbing?
How did he manage to hack into their systems?
- T 3.1** Listen to three conversations about the stories. Which of your questions were answered?
- Here are the answers to some questions. What are the questions?
1 Just ordinary clothes.
2 For a dare.
3 Three hours.
4 In a shelter.
5 His own software program.
6 To download from the Internet.
- Match lines in A and B. Practise saying them with contracted and weak forms.

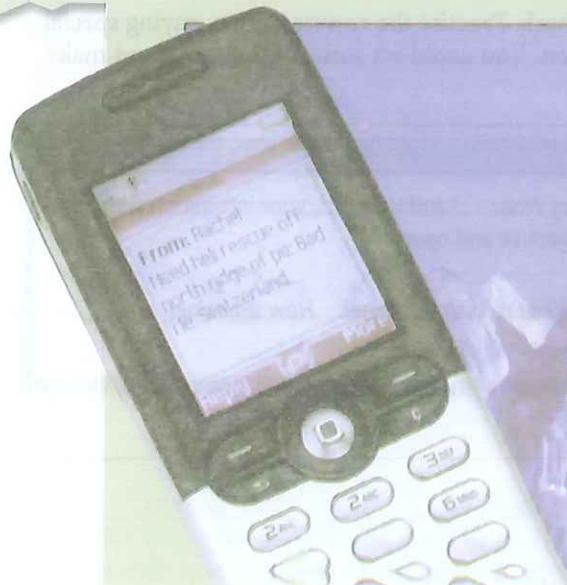
A	B
He was wearing	with a partner.
He'd been talking	to do it.
A friend had dared him	the next night.
She was climbing	about doing it for ages.
They were rescued	ordinary clothes.

T 3.2 Listen and check.

Man survives plunge over Niagara Falls



Climber saved by



The nerd who hacked into US Defence systems



text plea to friend



LANGUAGE FOCUS

- 1 Complete the chart using the verb in brackets.

Past Simple (fall)	Past Continuous (read)
Past Perfect (hear)	Past Perfect Continuous (act)
Past Simple passive (arrest)	Past Perfect passive (burgle)

Look at tapescript T 3.1 on p127. Find an example of each tense. When do we use the Past Perfect? When do we use continuous tenses?

- 2 Why are different tenses used in these paragraphs?

John cooked a lovely meal. His guests had a good time. They left at midnight.

Just after midnight, John was looking at the mess. His guests had just left. He'd cooked a lovely meal, and everyone had had a good time.

► Grammar Reference pp142–143

PRACTICE

Discussing grammar

- 1 Compare the use of tenses in these sentences. Say which tense is used and why.

1 *I read* | a book on the plane.
I was reading

2 When Alice arrived, *I made a cake.*
I was making a cake.
I had made a cake.

3 *The film started* | when we got to the cinema.
The film had started

4 He was sacked because *he had stolen some money.*
he had been stealing money for years.

5 When I got to the garage, my car *was being repaired.*
had been repaired.

Writing narratives

- 2 Rewrite the sentences as one sentence, beginning with the part in bold.

She won £2,000 in a competition. **Last night Sally was celebrating.**
Last night Sally was celebrating because she'd won £2,000 in a competition.

- 1 He got up at dawn. He was driving for ten hours. **Peter was tired when he arrived home.**
- 2 I parked my car in a no parking zone. It was towed away. **I went to get my car, but it wasn't there.** (*When ...*)
- 3 He wasn't always poor. He had a successful business. Unfortunately, it went bust. **Mick was a homeless beggar.**
- 4 They were shopping all day. They spent all their money on clothes. **Jane and Peter arrived home. They were broke.** (*When ...*)
- 5 He saw a house in Scotland. He first saw it while he was driving on holiday. **Last week John moved to the house.**

The news

- 3 **T 3.3** Listen to the first story. Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

- 1 Ten workers have died.
- 2 They'd been trapped up a mountain.
- 3 They'd been building a new road.
- 4 There was an avalanche.
- 5 Sixteen men managed to escape.
- 6 Ten were fatally injured.
- 7 The men were recovering at home.
- 8 The cause of the accident is known.

- 4 **T 3.4** Listen to the second news item. Here are the answers to some questions. Write the questions.

- 1 For two days.
- 2 After school on Wednesday.
- 3 Their photographs.
- 4 Nearby houses.
- 5 A neighbour.
- 6 In a garden shed.
- 7 No, they hadn't. (*... realized ...?*)

SPOKEN ENGLISH News and responses

When we tell a story, we use certain expressions. When we listen to a story, we respond with different expressions. Put G (giving news), R (reacting to news), or A (asking for more information) after each expression.

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| 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did you read that story about ...? |
| 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | What happened to him? |
| 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | That's amazing! |
| 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> | What did he do it for? |
| 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Apparently ... |
| 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> | What a crazy guy! |
| 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> | You're kidding! |
| 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Then what happened? |
| 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Actually, ... |
| 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> | I don't get it. |

Work with a partner. You are going to read and discuss two news stories.

Student A Read the story on p155.

Student B Read the story on p156.

When you've read your story, tell your partner about it. Try to use some of the phrases for giving and responding to news.

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VOCABULARY AND SPEAKING

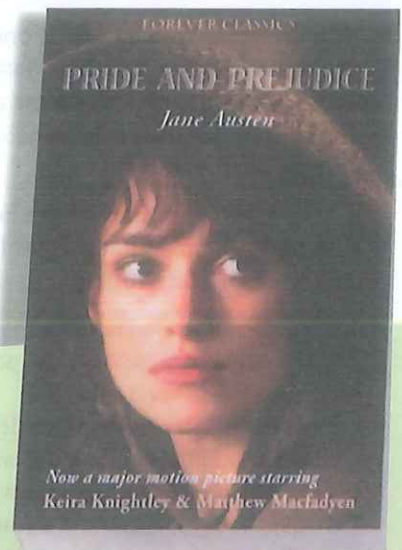
Books and films

1 We usually want to know some things about a book before we start reading it. Here are some answers. Write in the questions.

- 1 Who wrote it _____?
Charles Dickens/Patricia Cornwell.
- 2 _____?
It's a family saga/It's a thriller/It's a biography.
- 3 _____?
It's about a tragic family/It's about the murder of a detective.
- 4 Where and _____?
In India in the 19th century/In New York in the 1990s.
- 5 _____?
A lawyer called Potts and his client, Lady Jane /A detective called Blunket.
- 6 _____?
Yes, it has. It came out a few years ago and starred Johnny Depp.
- 7 _____?
It ends really tragically/It's frustrating because we don't really know/They all live happily ever after.
- 8 _____?
I thought it was great/I couldn't put it down/I didn't want it to end/It was OK but I skipped the boring bits.
- 9 _____?
Yes, I would. It's great if you like a good thriller/It's a terrific holiday read.

- 2 Which questions could also be asked about a film? Some might have to change. What extra questions can be asked about a film?
- 3 Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions in exercise 1 about your favourite book or film.

4 Look at the front and back covers of *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen. Which of the questions in exercise 1 can you answer?



'Comic and truly funny, brilliantly clever.'
Elizabeth Buchan

Pride and Prejudice, the best-loved and most famous of Jane Austen's novels, is as relevant today as it was three hundred years ago. Austen humorously captures the world of class-conscious 18th century English family life. Her characters are universal; they live a truth beyond time.

Pride and Prejudice tells the story of Mr and Mrs Bennet's family of five daughters, including the clever but outspoken Lizzie, the serene and beautiful Jane and the foolish youngest sister Lydia. Mrs Bennet's main aim in life is to find suitable and wealthy husbands for her daughters. However, the road to matrimonial happiness is not smooth. Austen shows the folly of judging people by first impressions, but, as in all her novels, lessons are learnt, and the ending is a happy one. The girls make good matches, especially prejudiced Lizzie with the proud Mr Darcy.

George Eliot called Jane Austen 'the greatest artist that has ever written'.

Sir Walter Scott wrote of her, 'There is a truth in her writings that always delights me'.

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READING AND SPEAKING

- 1 You are going to read about one of English Literature's major novelists, Jane Austen (1775–1817). Since the age of cinema and television her novels have become more and more popular. Why do you think this is?
- 2 The following sentences have been removed from the text. Read them. What do you learn about the life and work of Jane Austen?

- 1 ... these novels were written by a genius.
- 2 Jane Austen herself couldn't possibly have imagined this kind of worldwide fame.
- 3 Jane felt particularly miserable at this time and she found it difficult to continue with her writing.
- 4 ... television has led to worldwide fame for this quiet-living spinster with a sense of fun.
- 5 The family often had to entertain themselves at home.
- 6 By this time Jane was 27, and by the standards of the day 'on the shelf'.

- 3 Read the text. Where do the sentences go?
- 4 What significance do the following names have in relation to Jane Austen?

Steventon – *the village where Jane was born.*

Chawton	Winchester	P D James
The BBC	<i>Sense and Sensibility</i>	Tom Lefroy
The internet	Cassandra	Samuel Blackall
Bath	Edward	Emma Thompson
Devon	Nigel Nicolson	Oscar

- 5 Are these sentences about Jane Austen true (✓) or false (X)? Correct the false ones.
 1. 18 million British viewers saw the latest film of *Pride and Prejudice*.
 2. Jane Austen hardly ever travelled abroad.
 3. Her stories always have happy endings.
 4. She didn't start writing until she was 27.
 5. She never accepted a proposal of marriage.
 6. Her family had been living in Bath four years when her father died.
 7. Her first novel, *Pride and Prejudice*, was published in 1813.
 8. Emma Thompson went to Jane Austen's grave to get inspiration for her film.
- 6 What do these numbers in the text refer to?

121,147,947 648.65 18 (x2) 35,000 12
1775 1801 1805 1811 1817 41

What do you think?

- Do you think Jane Austen had a happy life, or do you feel sorry for her?
- Do you think she would have enjoyed the fame she has today?

Jane Austen

- one of the world's most downloaded authors

The latest film of Jane Austen's novel *Pride and Prejudice* grossed over \$121,147,947 worldwide. When the BBC screened its latest adaptation of the same novel it was watched by a record 18 million British viewers. The series was then sold to 18 countries round the world. There are Jane Austen fans in all corners of the globe, and special Jane Austen discussion groups on the internet. Jane is today one of English Literature's best known and best loved writers, the third most downloaded author after Charles Dickens and Mark Twain.

(1) ... In her lifetime she never once travelled abroad, indeed she hardly ever left the south of England. When she died in 1817, only four of her six novels had been published, all anonymously, and she had earned a grand total of £648.65 (about \$1,000) from her books. Now, nearly 200 years later, sales of her novels reach 35,000 a week. There have been film and television productions of not only *Pride and Prejudice* but also *Emma*, *Persuasion*, *Northanger Abbey*, *Mansfield Park* and the Oscar-winning *Sense and Sensibility*.



Portrait of Jane Austen as a young woman