

FOCUSED PRACTICE

1 USING VERB TENSES

Grammar Notes 1-7

This is part of a memoir written by a young woman. Choose the correct form of the verb in parentheses for each of the blank spaces.

My parents and I came to live in the United States when I was five years old. Although my family is now very comfortable, at first we had a hard time adjusting to life here. We

_____ had thought _____ that everybody in America was very rich. Imagine our surprise when we _____ that it was hard for many people, my father included, to make a living.

1. (had thought / were thinking) 2. (learned / were learning) ^{stative}

My father _____ as a dentist in Europe before we _____ here thirty-three years ago. Here he couldn't work as a

3. (had been working / has been working) 4. (have come / came)

dentist right away because he _____ the state examinations yet. While he _____ for the dentist examinations, he _____ in a dental laboratory in order to support his family.

5. (hadn't been passing / hadn't passed) 6. (had studied / was studying) 7. (worked / had worked)

Within a year, he _____ the examinations and _____ himself in practice with a local dentist. He had a long and successful career as a dentist. By the time he _____ last year, he _____ dentistry for thirty years. During his career, he earned the respect of his peers and the devotion of his patients, as well as the love of the poor immigrants to whom he _____ his services free of charge.

8. (was passing / had passed) 9. (established / used to establish) 10. (retired / was retiring) 11. (was practicing / had been practicing) 12. (used to contribute / was contributing)

My mother, ^{emph} too, _____ happy here. She _____ a degree in finance five years ago, and she now owns and operates her own profitable copy center. She _____ courses for a long time before she actually _____ her degree. She

13. (has been / had been) 14. (got / has gotten) 15. (has been taking / had been taking) 16. (got / had gotten)

_____ only one or two courses each semester because she was busy looking after my father, my brother, and me. Now she is an independent woman who runs her own business.

17. (would take / has taken)

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I myself _____ a wonderful life. Three years ago I
_____ my law degree, and since then I
_____ in a small law firm where I am very happy. I know the
partners of the firm quite well, as I _____ here in the summers
when I was in law school. While I _____ here one summer, I
_____ a terrific man, whom I married the following year. He
doesn't work here anymore; he _____ a judge and is well
respected in the community.

My family and I faced some difficulties when we first _____
in this country because we _____ things to be as difficult as
they in fact were. We didn't know then what we know now: that we
_____ beyond our wildest dreams.
_____ future in the past

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BEFORE AND AFTER

Grammar Notes 1, 5, 6

Jim Garcia and Mark Stevens both got married fairly recently. Fill in the blanks in their conversation with the correct forms of **used to** or **would** and the indicated verbs. Use **would** if possible. Contract **would** if it occurs with a pronoun.

MARK: So, Jim, how does it feel to be an old married man? Been about six months, hasn't it?

JIM: Yep. It feels great. It's a lot different, though.

MARK: Yeah? How so?

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JIM: Well, I guess I'd say I used to have a lot more freedom. Like on Saturdays, for example. I would sleep until eleven or even noon. Then when I got up my buddies and I would usually go out for breakfast at a restaurant. Now Jennifer and I get up at eight at the latest. She's really an early bird. And I either make her breakfast or she makes it for me.

action → used to have → *possessive*
1.(have)

action → would sleep
2.(sleep)

action → would usually go
3.(usually go)

MARK: Does that bother you?

JIM: You know, it doesn't. Life actually used to be kind of lonely. It's not anymore. What about you? Have things really changed?

stative → used to be
4.(be)

MARK: They sure have. For one thing, the neighborhood is totally different. Remember the apartment I used to live in, right north of downtown? Well, Ellen and I just bought a house in the suburbs. That's a trip, let me tell you.

stative → used to live
5.(live)

JIM: I'll bet.

MARK: Yeah. My weekends used to be my own. I would spend all day Saturday working on my car or going mountain biking. Now I have to cut the grass and take care of the yard.

possessive → used to be
6.(be)

action → would spend
7.(spend)

JIM: So would you change anything?

MARK: Sure wouldn't. You know how everyone says how great it is to be single? Well, that used to be my attitude too. Not now. Now I'd say "been there, done that."

stative → used to be
8.(be)

stative → *possessive*

JIM: Me too. I wouldn't change a thing.

3 PLANS AND EXPECTATIONS

Grammar Note 7

Before Jim got married, he jotted down some of his plans and expectations. Now that he's married, he's looking at them. Some of them came true, and some didn't. Jim is telling Mark about his thoughts. Write Jim's sentences. Use the indicated future-in-the-past constructions: was / were going to + verb or would + verb.

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Column A

1. "I think it'll be quite a while before we have any children."
2. "I think I'll probably feel just a little bit trapped."
3. "I think that we're going to live in an apartment."
4. "I expect that there won't be as much money to spend."
5. "I hope that we'll be happy."
6. "I'm sure that we're going to have a lot of fun together."
7. "I don't think I'll be seeing as much of my buddies."
8. "I figure that we're going to be taking a lot of trips."

Column B

I thought it would be quite a while before we had any children, but that's not true. Our first baby is due in four months.

I thought I would probably feel just a little bit trapped, but I haven't felt that way at all.

I thought that we were going to live in an apartment and we do.

I expected that there wouldn't be as much money to spend, but that's not true. Jennifer really knows how to keep our lifestyle economical.

I hoped that we would be happy, and we are. Tremendously.

I was sure that we were going to have a lot of fun together.

I didn't think I would be seeing... and I don't. That's OK, though.

I figured that we were going to be... but we haven't taken any, yet.

4 EDITING

Read Jennifer Garcia's diary entry. Find and correct the nine errors in verb constructions.

 May 20

Dear Diary,

I just had to write today. It's our six-month anniversary. Jim and I ^{for 6 month up to now} ~~are~~ ^{have been} married six months as of today. So maybe this is the time for me to take stock of my situation. The obvious question is whether I'm happy I ^{got} ~~get~~ married. The answer is "Absolutely." When I remember what my life ^{was} ~~has been~~ like before we ^{got} ~~get~~ married, I realize now how lonely I've ~~been~~ before. ^{we talk about before marriage → should use simple past} Jim is a wonderful guy. Since we ^{was} ~~are~~ both work, we take turns doing the housework. He's really good about that. When we ^{were} ~~have been~~ dating, I wasn't sure whether or not I ^{was} ~~wasn't~~ going to have to do all the housework. But I had not to worry. ^{didn't have to worry} Today we split everything 50/50. The only complaint I have is that Jim snores at night. When I ^{tell → general action} ~~told~~ him that, he only says, "Well, sweetie, you snore too." I don't believe it. But if this is our only problem, I guess we're pretty lucky.

Well, Diary, I ~~would have~~ a long and tiring day. It's time to go to sleep. I'll ^{have had (or had) =} ~~write~~ again soon. ^{فشارت}

Jennifer



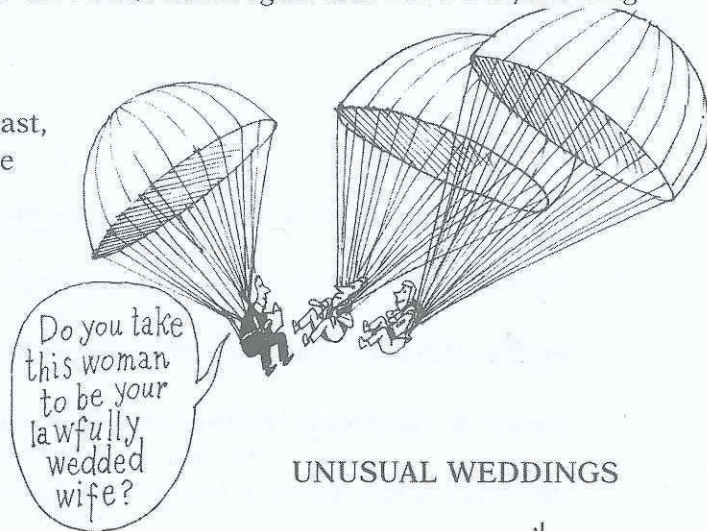
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5 LISTENING

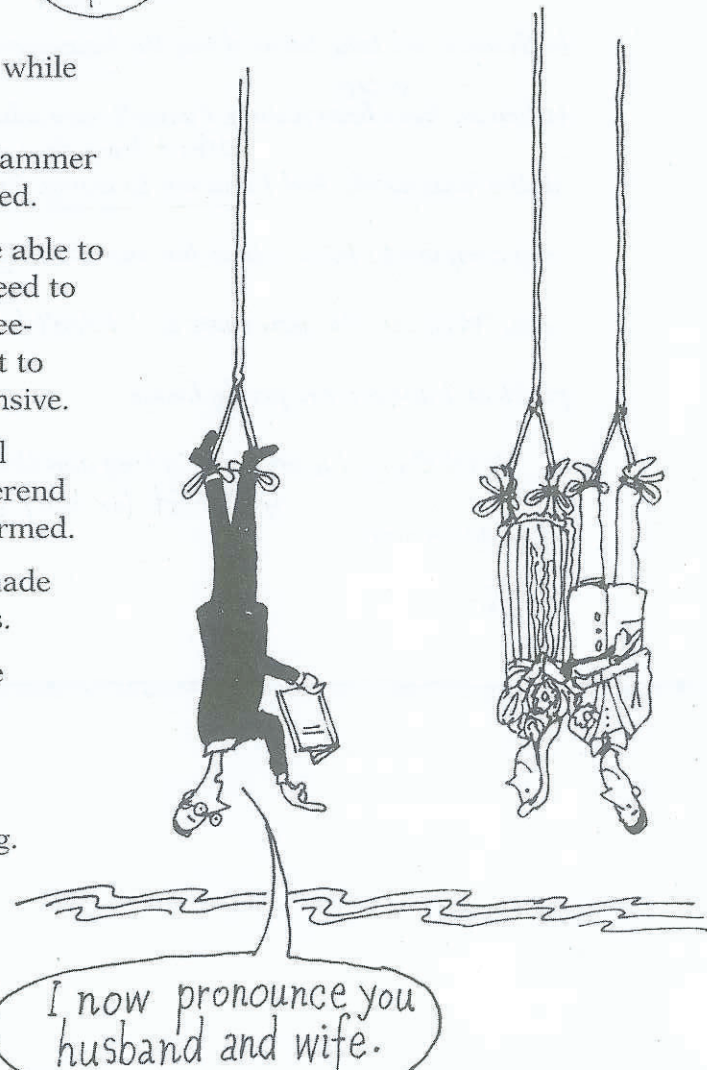
 Listen to the news broadcast on the CD. Then listen again and mark the following sentences **True (T)** or **False (F)**.

True **False**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. According to the broadcast, this is the first parachute wedding that has ever taken place. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. The bride and groom have known each other for four years. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 3. This was the first parachute jump for Yang and Hammer. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Yang and Hammer had intended to get married while bungee-jumping. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. By the time Yang and Hammer landed, they were married. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 6. Yang and Hammer were able to find a minister who agreed to marry them while bungee-jumping but decided not to because it was too expensive. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. This is the most unusual wedding ceremony Reverend Martinez has ever performed. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 8. To date, Martinez has made several parachute jumps. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. Reverend Martinez once married a couple on horseback. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 10. Martinez intends to do more parachute jumping. |

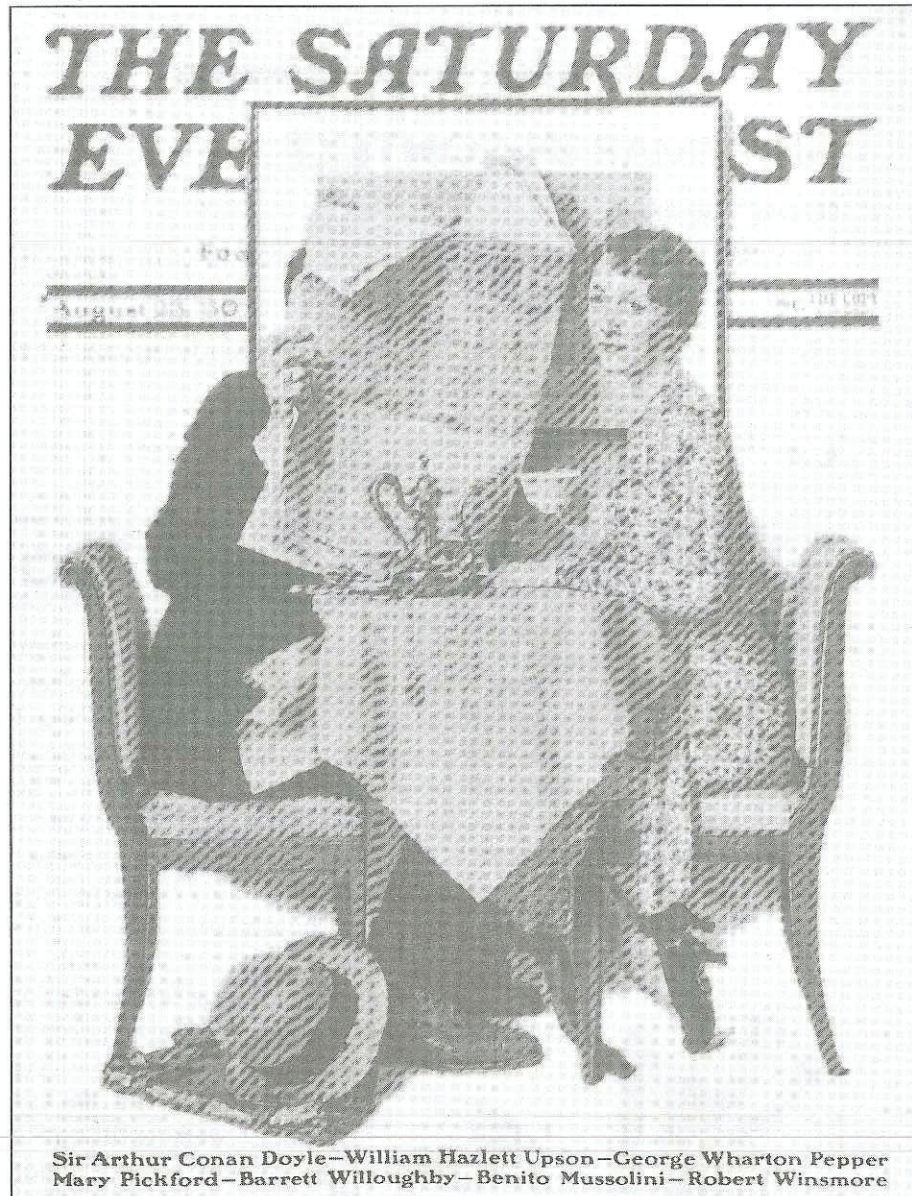


UNUSUAL WEDDINGS



6 PICTURE DISCUSSION

With a partner, discuss this picture. Describe the situation. What is happening? Approximately how long do you think these people have been married? Do you think their relationship is less interesting or satisfactory than it used to be, or is it just different? Present your opinions to the class.



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