Riverside Community College
Directed Learning Activity ESL 542D

Topic: Simple Past Tense and Past Progressive Tense

Go to “ESL Applications” on the Writing & Reading Center’s computer. Click on the Understanding and Using English Grammar icon. Log in. If this is the first time you have used UUEG, please log in as a new student.

1. Go to “Chapter 2.” Listen to or read the introduction and review the rules in Charts 2-9 and 2-10.

2. Complete Exercises 18 and 19 and check your answers. Be sure to use your dictionary to look up the meaning of any words you don’t know. Print the exercises.

3. On your printed version of Exercise 18, circle the transition words that are used to tell the story such as “next,” “after that,” “while,” “as soon as,” “when,” “then,” and “finally.”

4. Write a narrative paragraph about something frightening that happened to you or someone you know (at least 10 sentences).
   - Use at least three verbs that you are not used to using.
   - Tell the events in order and use transitions (and subordinating conjunctions) to help the reader understand when things happen.

5. Read and evaluate your paragraph.
   - Does it tell about a frightening event? Yes \(\square\) No \(\square\)
   - Are all of the events in order? Yes \(\square\) No \(\square\)
   - How many transitions did you use in your paragraph? _____
   - Underline your verbs. Check the tenses and spelling of your verbs. Be careful of irregular verbs and stative (non-action) verbs.

6. Review your paragraph with an instructor in the Writing Center, and ask about anything you don’t understand.

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