**Тема 15 THE VERB: THE PAST PERFECT TENSE, THE PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE**

**Exercise 1 Explain the use of the past tense-aspect forms in the following extract:**

It had snowed all night. Now the sun was shining. I was with Kitty in Kensington Gardens. We had met at Peter Pan and walked up to my “Leningrad garden.” Here there were few people about. Some well-padded individuals were exercising their dogs, watching with absurd pleasure the dogs’ amazement at the snow, their play, and the doggy footprints. The stone basins were frozen and some ducks, with comical caution, were slithering about on the ice. The fountains were bearded with opaque white icicles. We had carried a couple of chairs into the little stone pavilion at the end and were sitting there in a corner. The pavilion, heaped over with snow, was enclosed and private, our corner almost obscure. The snow had dulled the traffic noise, muffled the world about us, arched us in. Every now and then the dog ran up to the doorway, sniffed and ran off, wild with snow joy, and smiling wool-clad owner plodded by. No one else came, straight ahead, between two stone nymphs, the lake curved away, goldened with willows, and the cloudless glittering blue sky arched over the snowy park. There was not a breath of wind.

**Exercise 2 Join the sentences using *because* and the Past Perfect:**

*Example: Judy and Errol spent the morning shopping. They are tired.*

*Judy and Errol were tired because they had spent the morning shopping.*

1 He didn’t work hard enough during the year. He failed his exam.

2 Mike left his wallet at home. He was cross.

3 They didn’t pay their telephone bill. The telephone company cut them off.

4 They left their passport at home. They couldn’t cross the frontier.

5 She lost her glasses. She couldn’t read the sign.

**Exercise 3 Complete the following sentences using the Past Perfect:**

1 When I went to pay, I realized that ………………

2 When he arrived at the station, he saw that …………………

3 When they got home, they found that ………………………

4 Soon after the wedding, she knew that ………………………

5 When I asked about the mess on the floor, she said that.........

**Exercise 4 Complete the text using the Past Perfect or Simple Past tenses:**

I (to go) to London for the first time in 1970 when I (to be) just a child. My parents (to be) already there many times so they (to know) the city well. But they never (to be) there with a child so they saw a different side of London with me. We (to go) out every day and (to have) a fantastic time. My parents (to study) English for many years so they (to have) no difficulty with the language. It (to rain) while we (to be) there, but we (to pack) all our waterproof clothes so it (to be) no problem. When the time (to come) to leave, I (to feel) quite sad because I (to have) such a good time.

**Exercise 5 Supply the required past tense-aspect forms in the following sentences containing time clauses:**

1 Thursday evening I (not to go) home and change as usual, but (to sit) in the Sloane Square bar until it (to be) time to go along to Queen’s Gate Terrace.

2 I hated eating my own food with a witness, Laura (to watch) in silence until I (to finish). It (to take) about a minute.

3 I never (to be) to any European country before I (to go) to Paris.

4 When I (to let) myself into my own flat I (to realize) at once that there was a woman there.

5 “How long the patient (to be) sick before she (to be) cured?”

6 “I (to come) as soon as I (to get) your message”, Lloyd said.

7 David (to disappear) as soon as we (to have) breakfast.

8 After she (to go), Willy (to lock) the door and (to go) into the bedroom.

9 “I (cannot) stay in Wales after what (to happen),” he added angrily.

10 Godfrey (to rise) and (to take) his own breakfast earlier than usual, but lingered in the parlour till his younger brothers (to finish) their meal and (to go) out.

11 When they (to show) him round and (to feed) him on their best, they eagerly (to demand) news.

12 The bus (to move) before we (to reach) it.

**Exercise 6 Rewrite each sentence beginning as shown so that the meaning stays the same:**

(You should remember that negative adverbs **never, rarely, seldom, hardly, barely, scarcely, no sooner,** and phrases containing **no,/not, not only, little and so such** are followed by the inversion of subject and verb):

*Example: He had hardly reached the door of his office when he encountered two young men.*

*Hardly had he reached the door of his office when he encountered two young men.*

1 As soon as I got into the bath someone knocked at the door.

No sooner……..

2 The judge was taken ill just after the trial proceeding began.

Barely………

3 She knows little what has been going on in her presence.

Little……….

4 I didn’t know where I was until I asked a passer-by.

Not until……….

5 He had only just arrived home when the police called.

Scarcely………

6 We have never spent so much money on clothes.

Never before………

7 The demand for tickets was so great that people queued night and day.

Such………

8 The snowfall was so heavy that all the trains had to be cancelled.

So heavy………

9 Harry broke his leg and also injured his shoulder.

Not only………..

10 The bus driver cannot be blamed for the accident in any way.

In no way……..

11 The money is not to be paid under any circumstances.

Under no circumstances……….

12 The train had only just left the station when there was an explosion.

Hardly………

13 It had just stopped raining when the sun came out.

No sooner………..

14 Just after the play started there was a power failure.

Hardly………..

**Exercise 7 Complete the sentences with the Past Perfect or the Past Perfect Continuous of the verbs in the list. Each verb is used only once:**

to lose; to win; to write; to eat; to play; to discuss; to be; to know; to see; to get; to wait; to rain; to live; to swim; to hear; to sleep.

1 We … for Nancy for the last two hours, but she hasn’t arrived yet.

2 The students asked the famous writer how long he … books.

3 Everything in our garden was dying because we … rain for more than five months.

4 Bob was very excited. His favourite team finally … a game.

5 We went to Disneyland when we visited Los Angeles. Prior to that time we never … such a big amusement park.

6 How much money the company … before they finally went out of business?

7 He told me he … from her since the day she walked out of their office.

8 Anne’s lack of accent was explained by the fact that she … for twenty years in London.

9 She could see from the wet look of their costumes that they just….

10 When he came back we tried to pretend that we … him.

11 How many years … Jesus before he was crucified?

12 I sat in the kitchen smoking. Flora, who … the piano in the sitting-room, came to see what I was doing.

13 The noise woke Joe who… in his pram by the garage door.

14 It was cold and dark in the small room because it … for five days.

15 The last member of the party was Neville, the film star, whom David … for some time.

16 She realized that she was faint for food. She …nothing since the picnic.

**Exercise 8 Complete the sentences with the verbs in parentheses. Use any appropriate past tense-aspect forms:**

1 The fog was a little less dense. I (to stand) still for a while, then began to walk along in the direction of the King’s Arms**.**

2 Then I heard someone say in the hall that the Joplings (to leave) for Italy as soon as the vocation (to begin).

3 Tuesday dawned at last. I hardly (to sleep). The unusualness of insomnia was a physical torture. The house (to seem) empty and sad without boys.

4 This was not the first time I (to see) Gunnar. The very first time I (to see) him was across the High Street. He (to stride) along, wearing his gown, arm in arm with Anne.

5 I told him because he (to be going) to marry Crystal and because he (to be) a gentle harmless being.

6 And I went into the room where I (to lie) in the afternoon and put on my nightdress and then I (to go) to see what Joan (to do) and she just (to lie) down on her bed and I (to tell) her to get undressed and get into bed.

7 It was Wednesday evening. I (to spend) longer than usual at the Liverpool Street bar and (to feel) rather drunk now.

8 Suddenly I remembered Tommy. I (to look) at my watch. Tommy (to wait) for me for well over an hour. I (to go) into the telephone box outside the Royal Theatre and (to ring) her number.

9 A light fine rain (to fall) now, the rain which (to tap-tap) discreetly Gunar’s window through those immensely long seconds during which I (to be) in his room.

10 Kitty, wearing a long peacock-blue woolen evening dress (to gaze) at me. Standing behind her and holding a brush, with which she evidently (to brush) Kitty’s hair, was her maid.