Unit 2

- Simple Past of Regular Verbs
- Simple Past of Irregular Verbs
- What did you do in your country?
SONIA’S BAD DAY — Part 1

Read the story and answer the questions with complete sentences.

It was another busy day at the Main Street Café. Sonia was working very hard in the kitchen. Anh came in and told Sonia to hurry up with the scrambled eggs and toast. Sonia lost her temper and slammed the spatula on the stove. She almost knocked over the pan. She grabbed it just in time, but she burned her hand.

Jose ran over with a glass of cold water for Sonia’s hand. Sonia apologized. She was frustrated. She was sick of cooking breakfast. She wanted to be a TV reporter. Jose told Sonia that he used to feel that way, but not anymore. He was enrolled in classes, and he was going to reach his goal. He felt better about his life.

1. What meal was Sonia cooking?

____________________________________________________________________

2. Did Sonia feel great this morning?

____________________________________________________________________

3. Did Jose used to feel the same way as Sonia?

____________________________________________________________________

4. Did Jose burn his hand?

____________________________________________________________________
SONIA’S BAD DAY — Part 2

After the breakfast rush, Mrs. Lopez and Maria came into the restaurant to visit Sonia, Jose and Anh. Sonia was still very unhappy. Mrs. Lopez asked her what was wrong. Sonia explained that she was homesick and she was tired of her job. She wanted to be a TV reporter.

Mrs. Lopez told Sonia to take classes in TV reporting. Mrs. Lopez just started to take classes in nursing. Sonia should take classes and start to prepare to be a reporter. Sonia felt better. Mrs. Lopez invited everyone to her apartment for coffee. That sounded like fun to Anh and Sonia, but Jose had to work.

1. Who came into the restaurant?

_____________________________________________________________________

2. Did Maria work at the restaurant?

_____________________________________________________________________

3. Who was homesick?

_____________________________________________________________________

4. Who invited everyone to her apartment?

_____________________________________________________________________

5. Could everyone come for coffee?

_____________________________________________________________________
VOCABULARY

Study the following definitions

- can’t stand  to not like, to hate
- complaint  an expression of dissatisfaction
- frustrated  to be upset because you can’t do something no matter how hard you try
- heritage  the culture and tradition that your parents pass down to you
- homesick  to feel sad because you miss your family and home
- retain  to keep
- solution  the answer to a problem
Complete the sentences below with the new vocabulary.

1. Sonia’s son is starting to act like an American. He speaks mostly English and rarely speaks Russian. Sonia is worried that he’s losing his ___________________________.

2. Sonia speaks only Russian to her son, and she tells him stories about Russia and its people. She wants him to ________________________ his Russian heritage.

3. Anh and Sonia are _______________________. They talk a lot about their families, friends and life back in their old countries. They miss their families and homes.

4. Jose needs money, but he doesn’t like working as a dishwasher. He decided to study computers so he can get a job in a law firm, while he goes to school to become a lawyer. That’s a great _______________________ to his problem.

5. Sonia was a radio announcer in Russia. She spoke to thousands of people every day. Now, she’s a cook who works very hard in the kitchen of a restaurant. She’s very _________________________.


7. When the customers are not satisfied, they give their ________________________ to the restaurant manager.
MRS. LOPEZ’S APARTMENT

At Mrs. Lopez’s apartment, Anh, Sonia and Maria had coffee with Mrs. Lopez. Sonia was still depressed about her job. In Russia, she was a radio announcer. She spoke to thousands of people every day. Here she was a cook. Also, her son was acting more and more American every day. Sonia didn’t like that. She wanted to go back to Russia.

Anh spoke Vietnamese at home with her husband and children. She wanted her children to retain their heritage. When she first arrived in this country, she got a job bussing tables. Then she became a waitress. She liked it here. Maria liked it here, too. She liked American people, movies and music. She thought it was a wonderful life here. She wanted to get married and have children.

Anh suggested that Sonia get a job at a Russian television station. Sonia thought that maybe it was possible.

1. Did Sonia want to go back to her country?

_______________________________________________________________________

2. What job did Anh find when she first arrived?

_______________________________________________________________________

3. What language did Anh speak with her family?

_______________________________________________________________________

4. What did Maria want to do?

_______________________________________________________________________

5. Did Sonia’s son act like a Russian?

_______________________________________________________________________
WHAT DID YOU DO IN YOUR COUNTRY?

Fill in the blanks with the past tense of the verbs shown.

Example: Boris: I ___________ (be) a student.
        I ___________ (study) Math.

1. Teshome: I ___________ (be) a teacher.
       I ___________ (teach) history.

2. Sonia: I ___________ (be) an announcer.
       I ___________ (work) for a radio station.

3. Mrs. Lopez: I ___________ (be) a nurse.
       I ___________ (help) sick people.

4. Anh: I ___________ (be) a florist.
       I ___________ (own) my own flower shop.

5. Ara: I ___________ (be) a mechanic.
       I ___________ (fix) cars.

6. Teacher: I ___________ (be) a salesperson.
       I ___________ (sell) clothes.
THE SIMPLE PAST TENSE OF REGULAR VERBS

• We use the **simple past tense** to talk about actions or situations that happened in the past. Remember, to form the **affirmative** simple past tense of regular verbs, add **-ed** to the base form of the verb.

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• If the base form of a verb ends in **-e**, add **-d**.
  
  shave > shaved

• If the base form of a verb ends in **consonant-vowel-consonant**, and is stressed, double the final consonant and add **-ed**.
  
  stop > stopped

• If the base form of a verb ends in **-y**, preceded by a consonant, drop the **-y** and add **-ied**.
  
  worry > worried

• To form **negatives** in the simple past tense, put **did not (didn’t)** before the base form of the verb.

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Answer the following questions with the simple past tense.

Example:

Did you dance last night?
No, _____________________.  We ___________________.

1. Did Jose cook last night?
No, _______________________.  __________________________________________

2. Did Sonia and Anh work last Saturday?
No, _______________________.  __________________________________________

3. Did Ara play soccer yesterday?
No, _______________________.  __________________________________________
4. Did you and your husband walk in the park today?
No, _______________________. ________________________________________

5. Did Marta talk on the phone last night?
No, _______________________. ________________________________________

6. Did your dog chase a cat yesterday?
No, _______________________. ________________________________________

7. Did Maria and her aunt laugh when the movie ended?
No, _______________________. ________________________________________
THE SIMPLE PAST TENSE OF IRREGULAR VERBS

The simple past tense is used to talk about something that began and ended in the past. We form the past tense of regular verbs by adding -d or -ed. The irregular verbs do not take -d or -ed. Their past tense forms have to be memorized. Here is a list of many common irregular verbs.

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MY NEW WATCH

Fill in the blanks with the past tense form of the verb.

Last month, I ________________ (see) a very beautiful watch in a store window.

I ________________ (buy) the watch and ________________ (take) it home.

One day, I ________________ (leave) the watch on the living room table.

My baby boy ________________ (see) the watch, picked it up and ________________ (eat) it.

He didn’t swallow the watch, but he ________________ (break) it.

I ________________ (write) a letter to the manufacturer. I ________________ (tell)
them what happened and asked them to please fix the watch. They ________________ (send)
me a new watch, and they ________________ (say), “Please tell your son not to put things in
his mouth.”

I ________________ (speak) to my son, but he didn’t understand a word I
____________________ (say).
PROBLEM SOLVING
(video - 14:15)

Watch the video section called “Problem Solving.” Listen to the conversation and identify the problem. Write a letter to Sonia telling her your best solution to the problem.

The problem is: ______________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________

Dear Sonia,
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________

I think you should...
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________

Sincerely,
_________________________________________
UNIT 2 TEST

Choose the correct answers.

1. In Spain, June was a teacher. She ____________ Science.
   a. teach
   b. teaching
   c. taught

2. In Mexico, Jaime was a painter. He ____________ houses and apartments.
   a. paint
   b. painted
   c. paints

3. In Japan, Michiko was a writer. She ____________ children’s stories in Japanese.
   a. wrote
   b. writes
   c. write

4. In Russia, Boris was a driver. He ____________ a taxi.
   a. drive
   b. drives
   c. drove

5. In France, Pierre was a computer technician. He ____________ computers.
   a. repair
   b. repaired
   c. repairing

6. Did you go to the park yesterday? No, I ____________ to the park.
   a. didn’t
   b. didn’t went
   c. didn’t go

7. Did Nicole swim at the beach last weekend? No, she ____________ at the beach.
   a. swam
   b. didn’t swam
   c. didn’t swim

8. Did Ara fix the Toyota this morning? No, he ____________ the Toyota.
   a. didn’t fix
   b. didn’t
   c. didn’t fixed
UNIT 2 TEST

9. Did the students study French last semester? No, they ______________ French.
   a. studied
   b. didn’t study
   c. didn’t

10. Did Marco finish his homework last night? No, he ______________ his homework.
    a. didn’t finish
    b. didn’t finished
    c. finished

11. Maria _______________ English every day.
    a. studies
    b. study
    c. studied

12. Maria _______________ English all day yesterday.
    a. studies
    b. study
    c. studied

13. Freddy always ______________ a cheeseburger for lunch.
    a. eat
    b. eats
    c. ate

14. Freddy ______________ a big double cheeseburger for lunch yesterday.
    a. eat
    b. eats
    c. ate

15. Marta always ______________ to everyone. She’s very friendly.
    a. speaks
    b. speak
    c. spoke

16. Yesterday, Marta ______________ to Tom, the new employee, for the first time.
    a. speaks
    b. speak
    c. spoke
UNIT 2 TEST

17. I miss my family and friends back in my old country very much. I’m _______________.
   a. tired
   b. friendly
   c. homesick

18. Ricardo doesn’t listen to rock and roll music because he _________________ it.
   a. like
   b. can’t stand
   c. want

19. We need to find a _________________ to this problem.
   a. solution
   b. frustration
   c. prescription

20. I was born here, but my parents are from China. My _________________ is Chinese.
   a. life
   b. heritage
   c. name
UNIT 2
STUDENT ANSWER KEY

VOCABULARY
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1. heritage
2. retain
3. homesick
4. solution
5. frustrated
6. can’t stand
7. complaints

THE SIMPLE PAST TENSE OF REGULAR VERBS
(pages 33 & 34)
1. No, he didn’t cook.
   He watched TV.
2. No, they didn’t work.
   They visited Maria.
3. No, he didn’t play soccer.
   He looked for a job.
4. No, we didn’t walk in the park.
   We shopped for food.
5. No, she didn’t talk on the phone.
   She studied French.
6. No, it didn’t chase a cat.
   It chased a car.
7. No, they didn’t laugh.
   They cried.

WHAT DID YOU DO IN YOUR COUNTRY?
(page 31)
1. was taught
2. was worked
3. was helped
4. was owned
5. was fixed
6. was sold

MY NEW WATCH
(page 36)
1. saw
2. bought
3. took
4. left
5. saw
6. ate
7. broke
8. wrote
9. told
10. sent
11. said
12. spoke
13. said