Unit 3

♦ Past Tense: Irregular Verbs
♦ Feelings in the Past Tense
♦ Past Tense: To Be
♦ Neighborhood Places
♦ Prepositions of Locations
MOVING INTO A NEW APARTMENT

Read the stories and answer the questions with complete sentences.

At Rosalba’s apartment, Gustavo and Rosalba are helping Marta and Jose move out. Marta and Jose are coming back soon. Gustavo is working hard, but his back hurts. He tries to lift a box, and he drops it. Rosalba asks him if he’s OK. He says yes, but she sees that he’s in pain. She tells him to sit down and tell her what happened.

Gustavo tells Rosalba that last week he fell down when he was carrying wooden beams. His boss got angry at him because he was working too slowly. The boss didn’t pay Gustavo and he didn’t hire him for the next day. Gustavo says that he told his boss that he hurt his back. His boss still refused to pay him. Gustavo was angry and he left without his money.

1. What happened to Gustavo when he tried to lift a heavy box?

_______________________________________________________________________

2. When did Gustavo hurt his back?

_______________________________________________________________________

3. Did Gustavo’s boss pay him for that day?

_______________________________________________________________________

4. How did Gustavo feel when his boss didn’t pay him?

_______________________________________________________________________

5. Who is Gustavo talking with?

_______________________________________________________________________
THE NEW APARTMENT

Gustavo is at Marta and Jose’s new apartment. He is checking his list of boxes. Jose arrives with a big box. Gustavo tries to help him, but Jose tells him to take care of his back. Gustavo asks Jose what is in the box. Jose looks inside and finds books. Gustavo tells Jose that there are five more boxes.

Jose needs to take a break, so he and Gustavo go into the kitchen for a drink. In the kitchen, Gustavo thanks Jose for giving him the job and tells him how happy he was when Jose picked him up. Jose thinks Gustavo is a good worker. Jose tells Gustavo the story of his experience when he first came to this country and worked as a day laborer.

1. What is in the big box?

_________________________________________________________________________

2. How did Gustavo feel when Jose hired him?

_________________________________________________________________________

3. Why did Jose hire Gustavo?

_________________________________________________________________________

4. Is Gustavo doing a good job for Jose?

_________________________________________________________________________

5. Where are Jose and Gustavo talking?

_________________________________________________________________________
VOCABULARY

Study the following definitions.

• disappointed    sad because something didn’t happen
• excited    happy and full of energy
• forget    to not remember
• gardener    a person who takes care of gardens and lawns
• hear    to listen, to notice sounds
• laborer    a worker
• landscaper    a person who makes new gardens
• lipstick    color that women put on their lips
• liquid    something that feels like water
• nervous    worried, unable to calm down
• powder    something that feels like flour
• rancher    a person who raises animals on a farm or ranch
• refuse    to NOT do something, to say “no”
• slowly    NOT quickly, not fast
• suddenly    quickly, without warning
Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the previous page.

1. The children are ______________________ because they are going to Disneyland.

2. Sugar and flour are types of __________________________.

3. We need to hire a ______________________ to help us move our furniture.

4. A farmer grows fruit and vegetables. A ____________ raises animals.

5. A good ______________________ can turn this land into a beautiful park.

6. Did you ________________ the good news? We are going to get a raise!

7. Milk, water and orange juice are types of __________________________.

8. I always ______________________ your address. Could you please tell me again?

9. John is ______________________ because he didn’t win the prize.

10. Tina has to go to the dentist today and she is very ______________________.

11. If they don’t pay us our salary, we will ______________________ to work.

12. The lights ______________________ went out and I couldn’t see anything in the room.

13. Mario takes care of plants, flowers and trees. He is a ______________________.

14. There are many children in the street. Please drive ______________________.

15. We are going to a nice restaurant tonight. I need to put on some ______________________.
FEELINGS IN THE PAST TENSE

PAST

How did you feel this morning?

I was excited!

I was nervous

I was sad.

I was very sick.

I was confused.

I was worried.

I was relaxed.

PRESENT

How do you feel right now?

I’m tired.

I’m happy.

I’m angry.

I’m disappointed.

I’m excited.

I’m embarrassed.

I’m confident.
FEELINGS IN THE PAST TENSE

Look at the pictures and circle the best answer.

1. How did Gustavo feel when his boss didn’t pay him?
   a. He was nervous.
   b. He was tired.
   c. He was angry.

2. How did Mary feel when her favorite cat ran away?
   a. She was tired.
   b. She was sad.
   c. She was excited.

3. How did Mr. and Mrs. Jones feel when they traveled to Europe?
   a. They were worried.
   b. They were excited.
   c. They were disappointed.

4. How did you feel when you didn’t get the job?
   a. I was disappointed.
   b. I was fine.
   c. I was happy.

5. How did you and John feel when you lost your books?
   a. We were relaxed.
   b. We were excited.
   c. We were worried.
JOSE’S EXPERIENCES

When Jose first came to this country, he didn’t have a job. He worked as a day laborer. One day, a nice landscaper picked him up and hired him. Jose worked for him for three days, and then the landscaper offered him a full-time job as a gardener.

Gustavo asks Jose if he and Marta are happy. Jose says he likes his wife and his job. Gustavo tells Jose that he needs to find full-time work, too. Before coming to this country, he was a rancher in El Salvador. Jose tells Gustavo that he visited El Salvador once. Jose and his wife are from Michoacan, a state in Mexico.

1. What is Jose’s job?

2. Where is Gustavo from?

3. Are Jose and Marta from El Salvador?

4. What does Gustavo need?

5. What did Jose do when he first came to this country?
PRESENT & PAST TENSE OF THE VERB TO BE

THIS YEAR

Examples:
This year, I am a teacher. = Last year, I was a student.
This year, you are a secretary. = Last year, you were a clerk.
This year, they are cooks. = Last year, they were busboys.
This year, she is married. = Last year, she was single.
This year, we are 8 years old. = Last year, we were 7 years old.

LAST YEAR

TO BE in the Past Tense:
* I was
* He/she/it was
* We were
* You were
* They were

Complete the sentences with the present and past tense forms of to be.

1. This year, I ______ a saleslady. Last year, I ______ a waitress.
2. This year, you ______ a doctor. Last year, you ______ a nurse.
3. This year, she ______ a teacher. Last year, she ______ a student.
4. This year, we ______ bus drivers. Last year, we ______ truck drivers.
5. This year, he ______ a policeman. Last year, he ______ a security guard.
6. This year, they ______ gardeners. Last year, they ______ lawyers.
7. This year, it ______ a big company. Last year, it ______ a small company.
8. This year, you ______ very happy. Last year, you ______ very busy.
## COMMON IRREGULAR VERBS

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IRREGULAR PAST TENSE

For regular verbs, the past tense is formed by adding *ed*. But some verbs are irregular, and are formed differently:

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<td>Sally and Mark often see funny movies, but last night they saw a sad movie.</td>
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<td>I usually eat breakfast at 7:30 am, but this morning I ate breakfast at 10:00 am.</td>
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<td>Mariko says hello to me every day, but yesterday she said goodbye, too.</td>
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MARTA GOES OUT

Read the stories and answer the questions with complete sentences.

Marta comes into the living room. She is dressed to go out, and she is putting on lipstick. She looks very nice. Jose asks her where she is going. She says that she is going to the market. Jose asks her why she didn’t help them move into the apartment. She tells him that she was tired. She apologizes and promises to help them when she comes back. When Jose asks what time she’ll be back she tells him that she isn’t sure. He asks her again where she is going. He doesn’t understand why she is putting on lipstick to go to the market. She suddenly kisses Jose and leaves.

1. Where does Marta say she is going?

________________________________________________________________________

2. Why didn’t Marta help Jose move?

________________________________________________________________________

3. What does Marta promise Jose?

________________________________________________________________________

4. What time is Marta coming back?

________________________________________________________________________

5. What does Marta put on as she is leaving the apartment?

________________________________________________________________________
MARTA CALLS ROBERTO

Marta is on the street. She finds a pay phone and calls a man named Roberto. She tells him that she is coming to see him. Roberto is happy to hear from her. He was disappointed that she didn’t come yesterday. She apologizes and explains that yesterday she and her husband moved.

Marta asks Roberto for directions to his place because she didn’t understand them the first time. He tells her to take the Wilshire Blvd. bus to Alvarado. When she gets off the bus, she needs to walk two blocks south. His shop is across the street from the bank, next to the Mexican restaurant. Marta tells Roberto that she will be there soon. When he asks if Jose knows about their appointment, she hangs up quickly.

1. Who does Marta call?

________________________________________________________________________

2. How did Roberto feel when Marta didn’t come yesterday?

________________________________________________________________________

3. How does Marta go to visit Roberto?

________________________________________________________________________

4. How many blocks from the bus stop is Roberto’s shop?

________________________________________________________________________

5. What is next to Roberto’s shop?

________________________________________________________________________
PREPOSITIONS OF LOCATIONS

Read the following conversations.

Where is the bank? It’s next to the supermarket.

Where is the post office? It’s between the library and the church.

Where is the shoe store? It’s across from the bookstore.

Where is the dry cleaner? It’s above the restaurant.

Where is the park? It’s behind the office building.
Look at the pictures and choose the correct answers.

1. Where is the clinic?
   a. It’s across from the school.
   b. It’s next to the school.
   c. It’s behind the school.

2. Where is the pharmacy?
   a. It’s between the post office.
   b. It’s across from the bank.
   c. It’s above the bank.

3. Where is the cafeteria?
   a. It’s behind the school.
   b. It’s across from the park.
   c. It’s next to the drugstore.

4. Where is the hospital?
   a. It’s across from the park.
   b. It’s next to the park.
   c. It’s between the park.

5. Where is the church?
   a. It’s across from the school.
   b. It’s next to the bank.
   c. It’s between the library and the school.

6. Where is the bus station?
   a. It’s across from the gas station.
   b. It’s next to the gas station.
   c. It’s between the gas station and the hospital.
USE THE IRREGULAR PAST TENSE

Write the correct past tense of these irregular verbs. Check the verb list on page 56.

1. We usually eat dinner at 6:00 pm, but yesterday, we _______________ dinner at 7:30 pm.
2. I always buy liquid soap, but last week Pedro _______________ powdered soap.
3. Carol usually teaches science, but last year she _______________ math.
4. Tom and Jerry often sit in the front, but yesterday they _______________ in the back.
5. You always read mystery stories, but last month you _______________ a love story.
6. We often take the #46 bus to work, but this morning, we _______________ the #51 bus.
7. Gloria usually tells her mother the truth, but last night, she _______________ her a lie.
8. Marta and Dina meet at the park after school, but today, they _______________ at the gym.

Read the dialogues. Note: For the negative past tense, use didn’t + verb.

Did you see Mary last night?

No, I didn’t see Mary.
I saw Stefan.

Did Mrs. Gonzalez eat an apple?

No, she didn’t eat an apple.
She ate a hamburger.
Answer the questions using the correct past tense verbs from the list.

1. Did John give Carla a bracelet? No, he didn’t ____________ her a bracelet.
   He ____________ her some earrings.

2. Did Mario hurt his arm? No, he didn’t ____________ his arm.
   He ____________ his fingers.

3. Did Gabrielle and Ana go shopping? No, they didn’t ____________ shopping.
   They ____________ skiing.

4. Did Marta tell Jose the story? No, she didn’t ____________ him the story.
   She ____________ Stefan the story.

5. Did you write a letter to Mia? No, I didn’t ____________ a letter to Mia.
   I ____________ a letter to my uncle.

6. Did you leave home at 7:00 pm? No, I didn’t ____________ home at 7:00 pm.
   I ____________ home at 6:15 pm.

7. Did your boss pay you $5 an hour? No, he didn’t ____________ us $5 an hour.
   He ____________ us $6.50 an hour.

8. Did they buy chicken for dinner? No, they didn’t _________ chicken for dinner.
   They _________ vegetables and rice.

9. Did Susan get a new motorcycle today? No, she didn’t _________ a new motorcycle.
   She _________ a new bicycle.
FOCUSED LISTENING WORKSHEET

Watch the video section called “Focused Listening.”
Then circle the correct answer in each group.

SCENE 1

Why doesn’t Marta start work until next Monday?
   a. She doesn’t feel ready to start working yet.
   b. She has to buy new tools first.
   c. Roberto asked her to start Monday because the shop isn’t busy this week.

SCENE 2

Why were Jack and Ray surprised that Marta got the job?
   a. Because she had no experience.
   b. Because she was a woman.
   c. Because she only fixed Japanese cars.
UNIT 3 TEST

Circle the correct answers.

1. If you work too ______________, you’ll lose your job.
   a. suddenly
   b. slowly
   c. hard

2. When Jose asked Marta to stay home, she ______________ because she had an appointment.
   a. refused
   b. listened
   c. promised

3. My wife was angry because I _____________ her birthday.
   a. forgot
   b. remembered
   c. celebrated

4. Jose and Marta __________ the first and last months’ rent when they moved into their new apartment.
   a. bought
   b. paid
   c. took

5. Rosalba ___________ Marta in her car to meet Ivan at the apartment.
   a. went
   b. saw
   c. took

6. When Mary’s dog died, she was ________________.  
   a. embarrassed
   b. confident
   c. sad

7. Marta and Jose got the apartment they wanted.  They were ________________.
   a. excited
   b. nervous
   c. angry

8. When Stefan broke his promise to Ivan, Ivan was ________________.
   a. worried
   b. angry
   c. relaxed
UNIT 3 TEST

9. When my friend didn’t visit me in the hospital, I was ___________________.
   a. tired  
   b. disappointed  
   c. confident

10. I never get headaches, but yesterday I ____________ a big one.
    a. got  
    b. getting  
    c. get

    a. were  
    b. am  
    c. was

12. Today they are well. Last week they ________________ sick.
    a. were  
    b. was  
    c. are

13. Marta and Rosalba usually buy corn tortillas, but yesterday they ________________ flour tortillas.
    a. buy  
    b. buying  
    c. bought

14. Every morning Amir eats cereal, but this morning he ________________ toast.
    a. eat  
    b. ate  
    c. eating

15. Jose and Marta usually go to the beach on weekends, but last Sunday they ________________ to the desert.
    a. go  
    b. going  
    c. went

16. You always have a hamburger for lunch, but this afternoon you ________________ a chicken sandwich.
    a. had  
    b. having  
    c. has
UNIT 3 TEST

17. I usually give my mother perfume for Christmas, but last year, I ____________ her a dress.
   a. give
   b. gave
   c. giving

18. My sister’s apartment is ______________ my father’s house.
   a. next to
   b. between
   c. on

19. The shoe store is ______________ the restaurant and the pharmacy.
   a. inside
   b. outside
   c. between

20. The hospital is ______________ the park.
   a. between
   b. across from
   c. under
UNIT 3
STUDENT ANSWER KEY

VOCABULARY (page 51)
1. excited
2. powder
3. laborer
4. rancher
5. landscaper
6. hear
7. liquid
8. forget
9. disappointed
10. nervous
11. refuse
12. suddenly
13. gardener
14. slowly
15. lipstick

PREPOSITIONS OF LOCATIONS
(page 61)
1. b
2. b
3. c
4. a
5. c
6. a

FEELINGS IN THE PAST TENSE
(page 53)
1. c
2. b
3. b
4. a
5. c

PRESENT & PAST TENSE OF
THE VERB TO BE (page 55)
1. am, was
2. are, were
3. is, was
4. are, were
5. is, was
6. are, were
7. is, was
8. are, were

USE THE IRREGULAR PAST TENSE
(page 62)
1. ate
2. bought
3. taught
4. sat
5. read
6. took
7. told
8. met

USE THE IRREGULAR PAST TENSE
(page 63)
1. give / gave
2. hurt / hurt
3. go / went
4. tell / told
5. write / wrote
6. leave / left
7. pay / paid
8. buy / bought
9. get / got

FOCUSED LISTENING (page 64)
1. c
2. b