

## Language practice

**1** Complete the sentences. Use the past simple form of these verbs:

*buy do read go win have meet give*

Yesterday ...

- Faisal and his family **had** dinner at a restaurant.
- Asma'a **gave** her aunt some flowers.
- We **met** our friends.
- Rakan **went** to the market.
- Yousef **did** all his homework.
- Samia **won** a prize.
- I **read** a really good book.
- Mr Ali **bought** a new car.

**2** Change the following sentences into negative.

I saw a good film last night.

*I didn't see a good film last night.*

- They had a good time.  
*They didn't have a good time*
- I gave you my ticket.  
*I didn't give you my ticket*
- My parents bought me a computer.  
*My parents didn't buy me a computer*
- Our grandparents came to visit us.  
*Our grandparents didn't come to visit us.*
- You sang a nice song.  
*You didn't sing a nice song*

**3** Complete the sentences with (*while* or *when*):

- while** the cook was chopping the vegetables, he cut his finger.
- Amal was reading a book **when** she heard a noise.
- I was practising the guitar **when** mum came home.
- Nasser met a friend **while** he was shopping.
- We were studying history **when** our friend called us.

**4** Choose the right alternative to complete each sentence.

- Yesterday, we (moved - were moving) to a new house.
- While we (slept - were sleeping), a robber tried to enter the house.
- The driver (sent - was sending) a text message when the accident happened.
- Last year, my cousin (travelled - was travelling) to the USA to study engineering.

### Things to remember

- Say when something happened in the past with ago:  
*People walked on the moon over thirty years ago.*

### 5 Write sentences about Majeda. When did she do these things?

- 2:00 PM** have lunch?  
She had lunch four hours ago.
- TUESDAY** send an e-mail  
*She sent an e-mail five days ago*
- WEDNESDAY** draw a picture  
*She drew a picture three days ago*
- SATURDAY** tell a joke  
*She told a joke yesterday*
- 3:00 PM** read a magazine  
*She read a magazine three hours ago*

TODAY  
6:00 PM  
SUNDAY  
16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

### Things to remember

- 'used to' describes a habit or state in the past. It suggests that the action or situation is no longer true.
- 'used to' has no present form.

### 6 Talking about changing habits. What would you say to tell about two habits you had and you have now changed?

I used to eat too much fast food, now I eat healthy food.

I used to *play football*, now I *play tennis*.

I used to *sleep early*, now I *sleep late*.

### 7 Complete the text with the correct form of these verbs. Some verbs are in the present.

live attract call set up  
enter start go



Failaka Island is one of the main historical sites in Kuwait. The Greeks *called* it Ikarus. They *lived* in this island and *set up* localities. It *attracted* the attention of scientists, who *started* digging there in early 1958. Failaka's history *goes* back to the Bronze Age Dilmun civilization which was centred in Bahrain. As you *enter* the site, the road ends in front of a group of buildings. These are the museum and some offices.

## TELLING THE TIME

### 1 The sundial

The first instrument to measure time was the sundial. It measured the sun's shadow. In the Ancient World there were many kinds of sundials.



### 4 The mechanical clock

The Europeans invented the first mechanical clocks in 1364. Leonardo da Vinci was very interested in clocks and designed many of them.



### 2 The water clock

Water clock measured time with water. The Ancient Egyptians and the Greeks used them. In about 800 AD Haroun Al-Rashid, and Abbasid Caliph, sent a wonderful metal water clock to the French Emperor Charlemagne.



### 5 The quartz clock

The digital clock came in the 20th century. It used quartz to make it more accurate. Quartz vibrates at a constant speed. It is accurate to one tenth of a second.



### 3 The hour glass

An Ancient Greek invented the hour glass. At first it was a water hour glass. But sand was easier to use. The sand hour glass came to Europe in 1300 AD.



### 8 Where do these sentences go? Write the correct text number.

- 1 It worked with sand instead of water because it was easier. 3
- 2 An Italian inventor made the first face for a mechanical clock in 1364. 4
- 3 These clocks were always outside and needed the sun to work. 1
- 4 Nowadays most people have a clock or watch containing quartz. 5
- 5 These clocks did not work when it was very cold because the water froze! 2

### 9 Read the text and the extra sentences again. What do these dates refer to?

- 1 800 AD Haroun Al-Rashid and Abbasid caliph sent a wonderful metal clock to the
- 2 1300 AD The sand hour glass came to Europe in 1300 AD French Emperor
- 3 1364 AD The Europeans invented the first mechanical clocks
- 4 20th century The digital clock came in the 20th century

**10** Imagine you are a time traveller. You meet your grandmother or grandfather when they were your age. First, make notes and complete the table.



	myself	my grandparent
get up	at 6.30	at 5.00
school	I go to school when I'm 4 years old	they didn't go to a secondary school
daily routine (housework)	I do my home work, watch TV and chat with friends	They went Pearl diving had dinner and slept on roofs
home	I live in a modern house	lived by the sea

**11** Now write six sentences about their life and routine. Finish with a sentence about what they didn't have.

Life in Kuwait in the Past was different, People didn't have a lot of money but they were happy. People used to go Pearl diving. They had to carry water for kilometres. They used to sit together at night and tell stories. They didn't have electricity, so they had to sleep on roofs for cooling