Unit 11 · Narrating Past Events

HARDER PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Full marks 27

Write your answers on separate paper.

1 One evening at home [6]

This is what happened at Lhakpa's house one evening last week.

Time	What happened
6:00 to 7:30	Mother cooked dinner.
6:30 to 7:00	Lhakpa did her homework.
6:40	The lights went out.
7:00 to 8:00	Grandfather listened to the radio.
7:15	Father came home.

a. What was Lhakpa doing when the lights went out?
b. What were Mother and Grandfather doing when Father came home? Write one sentence.
c. Was Lhakpa doing her homework when Father came home? Write a short answer, and then say how you know.
d. Join these two with *while*: *Mother cooked dinner.* / *The lights went out.*
e. Prashant wrote, "When the lights went out, Lhakpa did her homework." What does his sentence say happened first? Why is it wrong for this table?

2 Hopped or hoped? [5]

a. Write the past simple of each verb, using the spelling rules of this unit: *plan, cry, stay, hope, hop, carry, stop, enjoy*.
b. Mingma wrote: *I hoped across the yard on one foot.* What did he mean to write? What does his sentence say?
c. Why is the past of *stay* not *staied*?
d. Write the question and the short answer: *Mingma's little sister cried yesterday.* (Did …?) — Yes, …

3 The farmer and the bank [6]

Read "A Villager and his Money" on pages 122 and 123 of your textbook again.

a. The farmer's money went to the bank because of a chain of events. Write the chain in four sentences in the past simple, starting with the wife's visit to her neighbor.
b. You meet the farmer. Ask him three questions with *Did you …?* about that night and the bank. Write his short answers, true to the story.
c. A bank doesn't keep your own notes in a box. It lends most of the money to other people, and when you ask for your money, it gives you back the **same amount**, not the same notes. Now say why the ending makes readers laugh: what does the farmer think the bank does with his money, and why does his check prove nothing?

4 What the poem doesn't say [5]

Read "Melinda's Snowman" on page 129 of your textbook again.

a. Where did Melinda build her snowman? The poem never says it. Find **two** clues in the poem that tell you.
b. What happened to the snowman while Melinda was calling her parents? Why?
c. Retell the poem's story in four or five sentences in the past. Use one sentence with **two** past continuous verbs (two things going on at the same time).

5 A story of your own [5]

Write a short story of six to eight sentences that begins: *Last Saturday, I was walking to the shop when …*

Give it a beginning, a middle (something goes wrong, or something surprising happens) and an end. Use at least **two** past continuous verbs, one sentence with *while*, and *didn't* + a plain verb once.