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"Around the world"

A. Three foreign language teachers shared their stories on the web. Read for their overall meaning. For now, just guess the missing part.

CLASSROOMS AROUND THE WORLD

Jack: When I was looking for somewhere to teach English as a foreign language, I decided to apply for a school that was far away. However, this place was definitely further than (1)____, and I never thought that a school classroom could be in a cave! It was a really unusual place to have a school. The families of a Chinese village had built the school, known as Middle Cave Elementary School, in the cave about 50 years before. (2)____. It took days, and then they made the tables and chairs by hand. Children come from many different places around the area and walk up a stone path to reach the school every day. I arrived at the school in early April to teach English conversation, and I helped the music teacher. There were always two teachers, which I enjoyed. Having these lessons in a cave was incredible because of the sound produced inside caves. The classroom made music by itself!

Katie: I wasn't sure what to do in the summer after I left school and before I went to university. Then I found out by accident about a teaching programme in Samoa for three months. (3)____, so I was a bit nervous. But when I walked into the classroom, the children were so welcoming! Our classroom was fairly ordinary, with desks and a blackboard. There were hardly any computers, but the walls were covered with colourful pictures and writing, mostly in English. I had an amazing time at the school, helping the class teacher and teaching some classes myself. The teacher had the most beautiful wooden chair that (4)___ to celebrate her first job. It was a very different school to the one that (5)___. I thought that the children all worked really hard and they mostly did well in their exams.

Georgie: I had a very special experience when I went to this school in Cuba a few years ago. Three years earlier, the parents and teachers had built several outdoor classrooms for the summer terms. (6)____, and eventually they decided to have lots of different classroom areas. There was a classroom in the vegetable garden, there was another one surrounded by trees and there was even a classroom in a rose garden, although there were a couple of sunflowers that someone had planted by mistake! The parents had put a lot of effort into making their children's learning a good experience. I think the children enjoyed it because they didn't feel as if they were in a classroom. However, I was teaching maths and I found I missed having a whiteboard!

B. Notice the underlined parts in the blogpost.

What kind of verb do you see? a. Past simple (verb2)

b. Past perfect (had + verb3)

C. Underline the verb group in each line below.

What kind of verb do you see? a. Past simple (verb2)

b. Past perfect (had + verb3)

- Α I had never worked with children before
- В her grandfather had made for her by hand
- С I had attended back home
- They had transported the materials for the school furniture up the mountain
- Ε I had imagined
- They had spent a lot of time talking about the design of the classrooms
- D. Try to fill in the blank with A-F.
- E. From your understanding, please make a conclusion about story-telling.

Which one happens before in the passage?

a. the underlined part

b. the missing part

So which form is used for the action that happens before? a. Past simple

b. Past perfect

F. Read the following stories and look at the pictures. Complete the gaps with one of the sentences below.

NEWS ROUND THE WORLD - HERE IS OUR SELECTION OF LAST WEEK'S TRUE STORIES

ENGLAND

Security guards at Stansted airport were amazed when they saw a dog getting off a train and walking on its own towards the airport terminal. They caught the dog and took it to the police. Thanks to a microchip in its neck, they discovered that its name was Diesel and that it belonged to a woman called Sarah Chapman, who lived in London, 50 kilometres away. Sarah had gone on holiday for a few days and had left Diesel with some friends.

It had then

got on a train and had travelled 50 kilometres to Stansted airport, changing trains on the way. Sarah said: 'I'm sure Diesel went to the airport to look for me!'



AUSTRALIA

In Sydney, early in the morning, some swimmers were having a swim in an outdoor swimming pool which was very close to the sea. The swimmers were very surprised when suddenly the pool assistants started shouting 'Get out of the water! Quickly!'

The swimmers immediately got out. Then they realized that there was a shark at the other end!

Fortunately none of the swimmers were hurt and the shark was caught in a net and put back into the sea.



ITALY

An Italian man who was in prison for stealing was freed early from prison on the condition that he promised to live with his parents at their house. But after a week he arrived at his local police station and said 'Please arrest me again!'

Guido Beneventi, 30, told the police: 'My parents spent all their time telling me to do housework. It was like being a child again!'

SWEDEN

A irport workers in the luggage area at Arlanda airport in Sweden were surprised to see an old lady sitting on the luggage belt next to her suitcase.

She had put her luggage on the belt and then had sat down on the belt herself. A spokesman at Stockholm's Arlanda airport said 'Unfortunately, she did not understand when she was given check-in instructions. She got on the belt together with her bag. Luckily, it wasn't a long ride — only a few metres.'



ENGLAND

- 1. Unfortunately, the dog had bitten one of her friends.
- 2. The dog had run away and had gone to the local railway station.

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- 3. The shark had already attacked three people.
- 4. A large wave had carried the shark into the pool during the night.

ITALY

- 5. He had decided that he couldn't live with his mother and father for another day.
- 6. He had robbed a bank the night before.

SWEDEN

- 7. The woman had got confused at the check-in desk.
- 8. The woman had left her passport at home.
- G. Read the sentences and look at the verb forms. Which action came first, a or b?
 - 1 When Jake got home, Mark had left the house.

a Jake got home. b Mark left the house.

2 I'd gone to bed when Harriet got home.

a Harriet got home. b I went to bed.

3 Martin didn't go to the cinema because he'd seen the film before.

a Martin didn't go to the cinema. b Martin saw the film.

4 Juliana wasn't hungry because she'd had lunch at school.

a Juliana had lunch at school b Juliana wasn't hungry.

5 Paul called me when he had finished his homework.

a Paul called me. b Paul finished his homework.