DIGITAL PRACTICE BOOK

ENGLISH LANGUAGE





INCLUDES:

- **Short Stories**

to help you improve

- The Reading Skills
- Reading Comprehension
- Past Simple Tense
- Prefix “un”

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This practice book is free to use and the purpose is to enhance the ability of using the English language.

Please feel free to use the stories written by the students in the 7th grade in the primary school “Stiv Naumov”, Bitola.

For every story, there are specific tasks that need to be completed so that you can practice the *Past Simple Tense*, words with the prefix *– un* and *enrich your vocabulary*.

Moreover, there are also questions related to each story so that you can improve your Reading Comprehension skills.

Have fun while you learn English!

Story

Two days ago I went to the local park with my dog Zoey, it was a Wednesday and they are unlucky to me. All of a sudden an unknown dog started barking at me and my dog, the owner of the dog was unbelievably rude and she did nothing to stop the aggressive dog.

It was very unexpected because usually the dogs are on leashes. It was an unfortunate day but I got over it, there are a lot of ruthless people out there and we don't need to give them attention.

Author: Ilina Trifunov

Task:

1. Find the verbs used in past simple tense.
2. Find the words that have the prefix "un".

3.Answer the questions

- What day is her unlucky day?
- What happened on that day?
- How did the dog's owner reacted?

Emma

Emma has rich parents and she is very ungrateful. She is 16 years old. Emma is always rude to students who are poor. One day, Emma's parents decided to leave Emma in a dormitory. Emma is in a room with Kate. She said she wouldn't stay in the dorm because it was very ugly. Emma went to the store to buy new clothes and when she tried to pay on her card there was no money. Her parents blocked her card and she was embarrassed in front of her friends. Her rich friends they told her that they wouldn't be friends with her anymore because she didn't have money to buy new clothes. Also, her parents took away all her valuables and all branded clothes and gave her unbranded clothes. Emma said that those clothes were uncomfortable and she won’t wear those clothes. Emma said that day was her unlucky day. Emma was very unhappy. After a while. Emma got used to live without much money. Emma was unemployed anywhere and had no money. She got a job in the restaurant where Kate worked. And They worked together in a restaurant. They were very good friends. Her parents realized that Emma learned not to be ungrateful. And they put the money back into Emma's account again. And they came to pick up Emma from the dorm. But Emma said that they would buy an apartment together with Kate and that they would sew together.

Author: Lea Vrencovska

Task:

1. Find all the words that have the prefix ‘un’!
2. Find all the verbs that are used in Past Simple Tense!

3. Answer the questions:

- Is Emma grateful?
- Where did Emma’s parents take here?
- Did Emma want to stay in the dorm?
- Who was in the room whit Emma?
- Why did Emma embarrassed herself in front of her friends?
- Does Emma have any money?
- Did she find a job?
- Where did Emma work?
- Did her parents put the money back into Emma’s account?

Unreal day

Once upon a time, in our school, there was an unforgettable event. It was the annual "Unicorn Day" celebration! Students, dressed in unique unicorn costumes, gathered in the school courtyard, under the warm sun.

The atmosphere was unbelievable! Colorful decorations adorned the school walls, creating an enchanting ambiance. Laughter and excitement filled the air as students enjoyed various unicorn-themed activities. There were unicorn face painting stations, unicorn crafts, and even a unicorn-themed bake sale!

The highlight of the day was the "Unicorn Parade." Students paraded around the school, showcasing their creative unicorn outfits. Unicorns of all colors and sizes were seen, from tiny ones to giant inflatable ones!

During the parade, students unleashed their imagination, creating unique unicorn chants and songs. The unity and enthusiasm displayed by everyone were unmatched. It was a truly unforgettable experience!

As the day came to an end, students united to clean up the school grounds, ensuring it remained pristine. The sense of community and togetherness was undeniable. The day concluded with a heartfelt speech from the school principal, commending everyone for their outstanding efforts and reminding them of the power of unity.

The "Unicorn Day" celebration will forever be etched in our memories. It was a day filled with laughter, creativity, and unity. The bond formed among the students during this event was unbreakable, and it left an indelible mark on our school's history.

Author: Lina Kolevska

Task:

1. Find the verbs that are in past simple.
2. Divide the verbs in two groups (regular, irregular).

3. Answer the questions:
    - Describe the unicorn day.
    - How were the kids dressed?
    - Where did the kids parade ?

England story

It was year 1713, somewhere in England. In the middle of the ocean was a wooden ship that some considered unbreakable. The ship's captain was no other than the infamous Captain Scar Rivers. He comes from Spain. He was a dark skinned man with long black hair. His hair was braided with separate braids, adorned with a bunch of beads. His ears pierced but he only wore a gold hoop on his right ear. His braids were tied with a bandanna, some loose in front of his face. He had a blunt between his lips as he blew the smoke from his nose.

"Fetch me that map." He says. Not looking away from the sea.

"Aye, fetch cap'n his map!" Markus, a crew member says. Scratching his beard.

"Ye scurvy-ridden, grog-shy halfwit, I told YOU to bring me a map. Stop bein a lazy scoundrel and go get it." Scar orders. You can tell he's pissed.

"Aye, aye cap'n!" Markus almost trips on something as he mutters something under his breath.

"Bloody 'ell. ." Scar breathes out. That guy was UNbelieveable.

-Evening-

"Seems like our next stop is Salisbury, lads." Scar murmurs.

"Louder captain, we can't hear ye." Louis chuckles.

"Oi, I'll throw ye off the plank, belay yer mouth." Scar orders. Spinning his knife.

"Lo siento cap'n." Louis laughs. "Oi mates, I heard Salisbury has the fittest birds of the century. We don't have to stay single our whole life!" Markus laughs.

“Markus. No bird is comin’ for ye, ye have the face to scare a kraken, aye.” Scar says. His finger went through other English villages.

“Be nice Cap’n, that’s not fair innit.” Markus says.

“Jus’ shut up and get on that steerin’ wheel. I want our stop behind the island.” The captain orders.

“Aye, aye.” He laughs.

-Salisbury-

“I forgot this place was filled wit’ rich dimwits.” Markus says.

“Exactly ya scoundrel, go steal whatever. I want me some gold.” Scar says. Cracking his knuckles.

“Aight.” Markus trails off.

“Take off yer pendant, ya wanker! They gon know we pirates!” Scar yells. Markus walks away and whistles innocently to himself.

“Ain’t people gonna notice we are UNknown, cap’n?” Louis asks.

“Jus’ take yer pendant and anythin’ wit’ a skull off. Jus’ pretend ye some peasant or sumin.” Scar pinches his nose with his index and thumb. “Shoo, will ye?” He shoves Louis.

The three pirates part their ways. Scar stands tall and walks around the village. The sound of the bells of the cathedral filling his ears. He bumps into someone short. He looks down to see a brunette in elegant clothes. Holding a basket.

“Oh, my apologies sir.” She says softly. Her nose twitched a little.

The captain found her pretty.

“No worries, ye ain’t hurt are ye?” He asks. The girl raises her eyebrow.

“You`re not a pirate… Are you?” She asks. The way he spoke was quite similar. He was silent for a moment.

“No.” He shook his head slightly. Realizing his mistake and screaming on the inside.

“Hm..” She was unconvinced. “Okay.” She said anyway. The captain felt his cheeks heating up. She’s better than the treasures he searched for.

He clears his throat. ‘How do those rich folks speak?’ He asked himself in his head.

“Where ye off to, madame? I’ll escort you.” He says with a soft smirk.

“That would be-” She was cut off by her friend yelling.

“Hey, let's go before the bakery closes!” She says. Meaning she was Unable to go with the captain.

“Alright, Michelle, I`m coming.” She says. “I`m sorry. I have to go sir. It was nice meeting you.” She said with a small smile as she started walking away.

“Yer name, lass?” Scar asks. His head tilted slightly as he leaned his elbow on a wooden table. It was an uncomfortable position since his elbow’s scarred.

“Starlynna. Starlynna Gemstone.” She smiled. The captain almost choked on his spit. She was the daughter of his enemy. How could such an evil and unfaithful man have such a sweet daughter?

“Got it. Off I go, lassie.” He smiles awkwardly and leaves. She shrugged it off.

The captain had genuinely fell for this girl. He might visit this town more. If only it meant seeing that beautiful face, he doesn’t mind at all.

By: Sara Siljanovska

Tasks:

1. Find the verbs used in Past simple tense.
2. Find the words that have the prefix “un”.
   Answer the questions:
   - What was the man like?
   - How many pirates parted their ways?

The unlikely heroes

A group of kids go on a field trip from school to Paris.
With hearts filed with anticipation, the kids set foot in the city of love, ready to explore its rich art and cultures. As they enter the Louvre Museum, their eyes widen with awe at the sight of the Mona Lisa, but something catches their attention a suspicious looking man lurking nearby.

Driven by their instincts Mila, Emily, Angelina and Sophie decide to investigate the mysterious man further. Armed whit their mobile phones, they secretly search his online history, uncovering a trail of suspicious activities and connections to criminal organizations. It becomes clear that he has his sight set on the Mona Lisa.

With their newfound knowledge the kids become determent to stop the criminal from carrying out his nefarious plan. They discreetly tail him through the museum, using their agility and quick thinking to avoid detection. Their hearts race as they navigate the labyrinthine halls, always keeping a safe distance.

They did not know for sure that he was going to steal the famous Mona Lisa. As the unbelievable day was coming to an end they went to the hotel with the class and the head teacher, until they noticed that Mila was missing, everyone panicked, but Sophie said: Oh relax, she is probably using the restroom. No she was not. The head said: everyone go to your rooms we are going to find Mila. But, Sophie Emily and Angelina did not stay in their room they went pass every security camera until they were out of the hotel. Emily said: I can locate her phone.
They found her location but no one was there, and suddenly somebody hit their heads and when they woke up they were in a room tied to chairs. The suspicious man was there and Mila was also

there turns out he did not steal the Mona Lisa, but his identical brother did.

The man said that he did not want to steal things but his brother blackmailed him and told him that if he said a word or involved the police he would frame him. He said that he was so unlucky. And then his identical twin came and said: now I will be taking the Mona Lisa with me and I will frame you.

All of a sudden unexpectedly the police came and caught the man everyone was confused and curious how did the police now that we were here. Mila said: I called the police on my phone while he was packing his bags the police were listening the entire time and knew what was happening now the Mona Lisa is saved and the man is arrested. Moral of the story you should never judge a book by its co and sometimes even the smallest things can save something precious and beautiful everything happens for a reason u just have to trust it.

Author: Ana Mladenovik

Tasks:

1. Find the verbs used in Past simple tense.
2. Find the words that have the prefix “un”.

3. Answer the questions:

- Who went missing?
- Who said that was able to locate the phone?

The Unforgettable Adventure

Once upon a time, in a little village nestled between rolling hills and lush forests, lived a curious young girl named Emily. Emily was always eager for adventure, but she felt unsatisfied with the ordinary routines of her daily life. One morning, she decided to embark on an unplanned journey into the mysterious woods beyond her village.

As Emily ventured deeper into the forest, she encountered unfamiliar sights and sounds that filled her with excitement. She stumbled upon an ancient-looking tree with unusual markings, and her heart raced with anticipation as she approached it. Suddenly, she heard an unexpected rustling in the bushes nearby, causing her to feel uneasy yet strangely exhilarated.

Despite her initial apprehension, Emily pressed on, driven by her insatiable curiosity and thirst for the unknown. Along the way, she encountered unexpected obstacles and challenges that tested her courage and determination. Yet, with each obstacle she faced, Emily grew stronger and more resilient, overcoming her fears and doubts.

As the day turned to dusk, Emily found herself standing at the edge of a breathtaking waterfall, its waters shimmering in the fading light. Entranced by the beauty of the scene before her, she realized that this unplanned adventure had led her to discover something truly extraordinary – the beauty of nature and the possibilities that awaited her beyond her comfort zone.

With a newfound sense of wonder and appreciation for the world around her, Emily returned home, her heart filled with unforgettable memories of her adventure. Though her journey had been fraught with uncertainty

and challenges, she knew that she had emerged from it stronger, braver, and more alive than ever before.

As she drifted off to sleep that night, Emily smiled to herself, knowing that she would always cherish the memories of her unforgettable adventure in the enchanted forest – a journey that had transformed her in ways she could have never imagined.

By: Gorazd Gjurchinovski

Task:

1. Find the words that have the prefix “un”.
2. Find the verbs used in Past simple tense.

3. Answer the questions:

- Why did Emily decide to go on an adventure?
- Why did Emily go home?

Father and son

One usual night father and son were watching TV. After the match on the TV finished they didn't know what to do. Little later the son was hungry, so he decided to ask his father to go to the shop. The father told the son that is unsafe to go alone at night, and he told him they can go together. The son rejected the offer. The father was unhappy with his son's opinion. Even though the son is uncapable of going alone at night, he let him go. On the way to the shop he was so unlucky. Some drunk guy with knife tried to rob him. The son was so scared. He gave all of his money and ran fast to his home. When he got home he told his father what happened. The father got so scared when he heard what happened. The father told him to always listen to him, because it is unworthy putting yourself in danger. The son learnt his lesson and never did something like that ever again.

Authors: Davor Naumovski and Branko Nikolovski

Task:

1. Find the verbs used in past simple tense.
2. Find the words that have the prefix "un"
3. Answer the questions:

- Why was the father unhappy with the son's opinion?
- Why was the son scared?

The Unbreakable Friendship

In the bustling halls of Maplewood Middle School, there existed an unlikely bond between two students, Alex and Maya. Despite coming from different backgrounds, they shared a unique connection that seemed unbreakable. Their friendship began unexpectedly when they found themselves seated next to each other in the classroom on the first day of sixth grade.

As they navigated the ups and downs of middle school life together, Alex and Maya faced challenges that tested their friendship. They encountered misunderstandings and disagreements, but their unwavering loyalty to each other always prevailed. Through laughter and tears, they stood by each other's side, offering support and in times of need.

Despite facing criticism from their peers, Alex and Maya remained undeterred in their friendship, refusing to let others dictate the strength of their bond. They embraced their differences and celebrated each other's individuality, recognizing that their unique perspectives enriched their friendship in ways they couldn't have imagined.

Together, they embarked on countless adventures, from exploring hidden corners of the school to participating in talent shows and science fairs. Their shared experiences forged an unbreakable bond that transcended the barriers of time and space, leaving an indelible mark on their hearts.

As they reached the end of their middle school journey, Alex and Maya reflected on the memories they had created together and the lessons they had learned along the way. They knew that no matter where life took them, their friendship would remain steadfast and true – an enduring beacon of light in a world filled with uncertainty.

As they hugged each other tightly on the last day of school, Alex and Maya felt a sense of gratitude for the friendship they had found in each other. They knew that their bond would continue to grow stronger with each

passing day, serving as a reminder that true friendship knows no bounds and can withstand any obstacle that comes their way.

By: Ognen Gjurchinovski

Task:

1. Find the words that have the prefix”un”.

2. Find the verbs used in Past simple tense.

3.Answer the questions:

- In what grade did Alex and Maya friendship begin?
- What was the name of Alex and Maya’s school?

The undefeated tornado

Once upon a time. There was a boy called Luke that was in the school with his three brothers called Kyle, Phill and Sam. When Luke was in math class suddenly, the principal said that the school is unsafe and that all of the students had to go home, because in one hour a tornado will hit the city. After that the four brothers went home, but the youngest brother was unwell because his father was not home. After that, they went into the basement and were waiting for their parents. Fifteen minutes later, his father arrived home but unfortunately in that moment the tornado destroyed the roof and he disappeared. Later that day, when the tornado stopped the firemen rescued them and said that the father sadly died. Then the police took the four brothers to a foster home and they were very unhappy.

By: Antoni Korunovski, Petar Ilievski and Metodij Blazevski

Task:

1.Find the words that have the prefix “un”.
2.Find the verbs used in Past simple tense.

3.Answer the questions:

- What was the reason that the kids went home?
- Why did they take the kids in foster home?

The UNKNOWN man

One day I was sitting on the sofa and I saw the news. The news said a couple of kids went missing in the forest and a young girl told us she saw a tall strange looking guy and he started following her to the end of the forest. And I was so curious who that could be! So the next day me and my friend group decided to go to the forest. When we got there it was dark and sketchy, when he turned around and saw us he quickly disappeared. After that we were scared, but this imagination stopped our journey. After a ton of walking we saw a cave. We were breathless but we went inside, when we dug deeper in the cave, suddenly the cave entrance closed. And the man appeared and all the girls were behind the man. He said you three are the next ones to join my collection and he laughed crazily. This mystery is still unknown so that's why everyone calls him the unknown man.

Authors: Simona Talevska and Mihaela Kitevska

Task:

1. Find the verbs used in Past simple tense.
2. Find the words that have the prefix "un".
3. Answer the questions:

- Why was the man called unknown man?
- What did they see after a ton of walking?

FAKE FRIENDS

Once upon a time there was a boy named Sam. He lived in a small apartment with his mom but they were short on rent and about to get kicked out. He also got bullied because he didn't have nice clothes. With all of that going on in his life, he had one real friend, Carl. One day he was walking home from school when he found a lottery ticket and he decided to take it. Two days later something unbelievable happened, while they were watching the news on TV at Carl's house, they announced the winning lotto ticket of million dollars and Sam won the one million dollars. He went home running to tell his mom and she burst into tears. They felt unreal. The mother said: "This was so unexpected. We can finally move into a big house and live freely." When the other kids found out about that, they all wanted to talk to him and sit with him at lunch. So many kids wanted to talk to Sam that Carl couldn't even talk or sit with him. After school Sam and Carl were supposed to hang out but the other kids invited Sam to go shopping with them so Sam ditched Carl without even telling him. One of the other kids said: "Why do you still hang out with Carl? You should dump him." Sam was unsure about that but also he was afraid of losing his popularity so throughout the other days he bullied Carl, even though he felt awful about it. One of the teachers noticed that and told the principal who called Sam's mom and told her about his unacceptable behavior. She was furious and when Sam got home, one hour after his curfew she said: "Sam, how can you treat Carl the same way that you used to be treated? He was the only person who was there for you before this. Being rich changed you. From now on, you will wear your old clothes, eat homemade food and live your life like you are still poor." The next day when the other kids saw Sam they laughed at him and bullied

him. He started crying and ran to the bathroom. Someone followed him, it was Carl. “I am so sorry”- said Sam. Before he said something else Carl stopped him. “You really hurt me Sam, you were horrible to me. I thought that you would help me out but dumped me instead, but I forgive you.” After that everything went to normal with Sam and Carl. Sam bought Carl some nice clothes as a present and their lives were amazing. So you see, real friends are here for you at your worst and at your best, but fake friends just use you.

Authors: Lina Pinzovski and Ivana Jovanovska

Task:

1. Find the verbs used in Past simple tense.
2. Find the words that have the prefix “un”.
3. Answer the questions:
   - Where did Sam live?
   - Why did Sam decide to change?

A murder near the police station

It was the 27th of February. There was a person murdered, at the bus stop near the police station. There were a few cameras so the police took a look at them. They narrowed it down to three suspects, after carefully analyzing the camera videos. The first suspect was Tom Perse, because he was the undefeated champion in the fighting tournament in the town. It was unbelievable that there was a murder near the police station, without them seeing, or hearing anything. Anyway, the second suspect was John Bron, a multi-champion in the fighting tournament, but he was shot a few years and he has been feeling unsafe outside, ever since. The police were unsure if they were supposed to be so concentrated on this case, because a girl was kidnapped, on the other side of the town. And the final suspect was Henry Buoy. He was an experienced killer, and he had spent about 2 years in prison. Unlucky for Henry, he gave himself up unaware, by confessing that he murdered the man on the second interview. It was a big day for the city, because later that month it was revealed that he also kidnapped the girl.

By: Matej Vojneski, Ivan Hristovski and Dimitar Jolevski

Task:

1. Find the verbs used in Past simple tense.
2. Find the words that have the prefix “un”.

3. Answer the questions:
    - What time were they murdered?
    - Why was there a second suspect?

My lost twin

I came home from work. I was really tired, so I decided to go to sleep. I closed my eyes and tried to relax, when I suddenly felt unsafe, so I opened my eyes. I saw a person that looked just like me. I couldn't move and I was shocked. The girl said to me: "Sarah, are you my lost twin?" She moved closer. This girl scared me because I was adopted and I didn't even knew who my real family is. I couldn't move so I just closed my eyes and started to cry and pray for my safety. Later that night after I fell asleep I dreamt of the girl who said that she was my lost twin. In the morning when I woke up the person was standing right next to me, I screamed as loud as I can. My foster mum came and I immediately told her everything. She didn't believe me so she called an old friend of hers who was a therapist. I met with the therapist a couple of times, but it didn't help me, it just made me so uncomfortable. The therapist decided that it is the best for me to take medications at a mental hospital. I was there for a week, but I was so unhappy, so I decided to ran out. My roommate helped me to jump out of the window, but she was unable to escape with me because she had a broken leg. I felt unstoppable as I ran on the streets alone. The street was dark and it was rainy. Out of nowhere I fell into a deep dark hole. The next thing I knew it was all a dream. I am glad that this was a dream but till this day this dream makes me feel sick when I think about it.

By: Anja Slivoski and Eva Markoska

Tasks

1. Find the verbs used in Past simple tense
2. Find the words that have the prefix “un”
3. Answer the questions:

- What did the girl say to Sarah?
- Why did the girl run out?
- Is this story a dream?

"Maddie's big dream"

A long time ago, there was a girl named Maddie. She lived in the city of New York. Maddie had big dreams of becoming a ballet dancer, but she was poor. She lived with her mom and was a high school student. She worked in a café near her apartment, all the money she would earn from working she would pay for their rent, since her mom was unemployed. One day as she was coming back home from work, she passed by the Broadway theatre. They were looking for new ballet dancers, who were healthy and uninjured. Maddie auditioned and got in. She was very happy. The problem was, she had to pay extra for the dance classes, which she was unable to pay for. She spoke with the dance teacher of the Broadway theatre, Madame Winslow, and got told that she can attend the classes despite having to pay for them. Maddie was excited, very excited. She continued taking the ballet classes. She eventually danced in her first ever show, which wasn't a Broadway one but was still amazing progress for her. Later, she ran into a problem. She was so occupied with the dance classes, she didn't have time to go to work, which meant she didn't earn any money. A few months had passed since she hadn't paid her rent. She was unaware of what was going to happen next. A few weeks later, Maddie and her mom got kicked out of their apartment and didn't have anywhere else to live, Maddie had to quit her ballet classes, which she was very sad about. They didn't have where to live, so they lived in the streets for about three months, didn't have much to eat and didn't have any money. Until one day, Maddie got a phone call she was expecting her whole life. It was Madame Winslow who invited Maddie to dance in her first Broadway show. When she heard that, Maddie was the happiest person alive. She quickly got back into ballet dance classes and started earning money from her Broadway shows. A few years passed by and Maddie was the best ballet dancer in her country. She was unstoppable. After everything that happened to her, she helped herself

as well as her mom while also having her biggest dream come true. Later on, Maddie became a ballet dancer and even owned her own Broadway theatre. She was the best one out there. This is a story about never giving up and always trying your best.

Author: Nikita Angelovski

Tasks:

1. Find the verbs in Past Simple Tense:

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2. Write all words with the prefix "un":

_____

3. Answer these questions:
   - What was Maddie's big dream?
   - Why did Maddie need to quit ballet classes?
   - Where and why did Maddie work?