

## E. How language holds together and works

In this part of Unit 2, you will practise **Grammar** (how words relate to each other) and **Syntax** (in what order we put words next to each other) in order to be able to communicate. In this unit you will also practise English sounds (pronunciation).

### The Simple Past Tense

Task 1

Look at these sentences from Unit 2.

- Hydra **was** important in 1821.
- The Turks **captured** Hydra in 1715.
- Hydriots **built** an important fleet of ships.

### QUESTIONS:

- **A.** What kinds of events do they talk about?
- **B.** Are the actions complete?
- **C.** When do we use the Past Tense?

Write your answers below.

### ANSWERS:

- **A.** They talk about Past events
- **B.** Yes, they are complete
- **C.** We use the Past Tense for completed past events

Task2

Put the verbs in parentheses in the correct tense (Simple Past - Simple Present).

1. There .....**is not**..... not much traffic in the streets today. Why is this so? (be)
2. The usual place I .....**park**..... my bicycle is the little square behind our school. (park)
3. It was raining so hard **yesterday** I couldn't use my bicycle. So I .....**had**..... to take a bus. (have)
4. I **promise** you. This is the last time I .....**lied**..... to you. (lie)
5. Harry, where are you? What .....**did**..... George .....**say**..... about Hydra a minute ago? (say)
6. What time .....**did**..... you .....**leave**..... home **this morning?** (leave)
7. Gina .....**bought**..... a mini skirt **last week**, which she likes very much. (buy)
8. If you .....**do**..... not ...**validate**..... a ticket, then you will pay a fine. (validate)
9. Here is the money I ...**borrowed**..... from you last month. Thanks. It helped me a lot. (borrow)
10. Don't you know who ...**was**..... the first Prime Minister after the Greek Revolution in 1821? (be)
11. Why .....**do**..... you always .....**forget**..... to put the rubbish out and make me shout? (forget)
12. Is something wrong with you? You forgot to take your wallet with you, you .....**left**..... your key and you .....**look**..... moody. (leave, look)