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Your English No. 66

Was It Love? (2) - Story with Irregular Verbs of Groups 1 & 2

Hi. I'm Marianne Raynaud. Here we continue our challenge of including more than 140 irregular verbs in a single tale! If you find it difficult, first go to "*QualityTime-ESL Podcasts*" and work on the related exercises before returning to our story, which I hope you will enjoy.

Previously in "Was It Love?" ... A young woman leads a quiet life. Her dogs leap with joy, and her children build paper planes to fly in the bedroom.

*Now onto the last irregular verbs of groups 1 & 2 that we practiced in *QualityTime-ESL Podcasts* Nos. 61 and 63. Here are the first eight. Listen and repeat.*

have	lay	make	pay	lend	deal	bend	mean
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Listen and repeat the story in the present tense. (Irregular verbs are in bold.)

The young woman **has** a job in a restaurant. She **lays** the tables and **makes** the guests feel at home. This **is** a satisfying job for her as the owners **pay** her a good salary. They also **deal** in commerce and **are** very generous. They **lend** her money if necessary. They **are** good people. They **bend** no rules, and they **mean** well.

Listen and repeat the story in the simple past tense. (Irregular verbs are in bold.)

The young woman **had** a job in a restaurant. She **laid** the tables and **made** the guests feel at home. This **was** a satisfying job for her as the owners **paid** her a good salary. They also **dealt** in commerce and **were** very generous. They **lent** her money if necessary. They **were** good people. They **bent** no rules, and they **meant** well.

In the next exercise you will work as a "tense" interpreter, by putting the sentences I read into the simple past tense. Listen to the examples.

*I say: She **lays** the tables.*

*You say: She **laid** the tables.*

*I say: She **makes** the guests feel at home.*

*You say: She **made** the guests feel at home.*

Now you go on in the same way. Be sure to speak before I give the answer.

The young woman **has** a job in a restaurant.

The young woman **had** a job in a restaurant.

She **lays** the tables.

She **laid** the tables.

She **makes** the guests feel at home.

She **made** the guests feel at home.

The owners **pay** her a good salary.

The owners **paid** her a good salary.

They also **deal** in commerce.

They also **dealt** in commerce.

They **lend** her money if necessary.

They **lent** her money if necessary.

They **bend** no rules.

They **bent** no rules.

They **mean** well.

They **meant** well.

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The story continues with the last seven verbs of groups 1 & 2. Listen and repeat.

spend	send	meet	read	hear	spoil	dream
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Listen and repeat with the verbs in the simple present tense. (**Irregular verbs are in bold.**)

The guests at the restaurant usually **leave** her a tip. The young woman **spends** very little money on herself, and she often **sends** parcels of food to her old parents. After work she **meets** one of her friends. At six o'clock she **makes** dinner. After the meal she **reads** to the children before putting them to bed. They **hear** the birds singing outside. Nothing **spoil** this beautiful scene. But the young woman **dreams** of a better life... a life with a loving man.

Now listen and repeat with the verbs in the simple past tense. (**Irregular verbs are in bold.**)

The guests at the restaurant usually **left** a tip. The young woman **spent** very little money on herself, but she often **sent** parcels of food to her old parents. After work she **met** one of her friends. At six o'clock she **made** dinner. After the meal she **read** to the children before putting them to bed. They **heard** the birds singing outside. Nothing **spoilt** this beautiful scene. But the young woman **dreamt** of a better life... a life with a loving man.

Finally you will again work as an interpreter by putting the sentences I read into the simple past tense as you did before. Listen to the examples.

I say: The guests usually **leave** a tip.
You say: The guests usually **left** a tip.

I say: She **spends** no money on herself.
You say: She **spent** no money on herself.

Now you go on in the same way.

The guests usually **leave** her a tip.
The guests usually **left** her a tip.
She **spends** no money on herself.
She **spent** no money on herself.
She often **sends** food to her old parents.
She often **sent** food to her old parents.
After work she **meets** her friends.
After work she **met** her friends.
At six o'clock she **makes** dinner.

At six o'clock she **made** dinner.
After the meal she **reads** to the children.
After the meal she **read** to the children.
They **hear** the birds singing outside.
They **heard** the birds singing outside.
Nothing **spoil** this beautiful scene.
Nothing **spoilt** this beautiful scene.
She **dreams** of a better life with a loving man.
She **dreamt** of a better life with a loving man.

Irregular verbs in the story above:

to bend	bent	bent
to deal	dealt	dealt
to have	had	had
to hear	heard	heard
to lay	laid	laid
to lend	lent	lent

to make	made	made
to mean	meant	meant
to meet	met	met
to pay	paid	paid
to read	read	read
to send	sent	sent

to spend	spent	spent
to spoil	spoilt	spoilt

Also: *spoiled spoiled*



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That's the end of this episode. Now you know all the irregular verbs of groups 1 & 2. We will soon continue our story. My colleague Catherine Alhinc has made up the different groups of verbs and supplied the information on pronunciation. Visit www.qualitytime-esl.com for the script and the oral worksheet. You can also go to podcasts Nos. 61 and 63 in our other series *QualityTime-ESL* for more practice with the verbs we worked on in this episode. Teachers interested in more effective teaching can order "*QualityTime-ESL: The Digital Resource Book*" on a DVD or get it immediately in a slightly lighter downloadable version. Bye for now, and don't forget to keep smiling.