

EXERCISES

I. Completed the sentences by putting the words in brackets into their plural form.

- Good evening, (lady) and (gentleman).
- 2. Good morning (child).
- 3. London's telephone (box) are red and its (taxi) black.
- 4. Are (bus) allowed to drive as fast as (lorry) on (motorway)?
- 5. More and more people work in (office) and in the service (industry).
- 6. Rapunzel had three (wish) free.
- 7. (Peach) grow in this country, but (orange) must be imported from sunnier (country).

II. Turn the singular forms into plural and the plural into singular forms.

- You left your book on my shelf.
- 2. Are these your tomatoes?
- 3. A man can't have a baby.
- 4. Does your tooth ache?
- 5. A disco is fantastic.
- 6. There are no leaves on those trees.
- 7. They have young children.

III. Difficult plural forms, look them up in a dictionary.

mother-in-law

life

2. sheep 5. analysis

woman driver

date

IV. Put the words in brackets [...] into the plural.

Water – gathered from the long rainfalls which arrived from Wales – was the most active thing in the dale. It would drip endlessly all day from [cloud] and [tree], from [roof] and eaves (Dachrinnen) and [nose]. It tore open [road], cut its way through [garden], filled the [ditch] (Graben) with splashing [noise]. (Summarized from "Cider with Rosie" by Laurie Lee)

EATING

Fred and his guests are sitting at the table enjoying their food. Jason comes in later with sad news.

Eric: Excuse me. Who's got the salt?

Claudia: I have.

Can you pass it please? 5 Eric:

Claudia: Certainly. Eric: Thanks

Claudia: Don't mention it.

Um, (with mouth full) aren't you hungry, Claudia? Eric:

10 Claudia: Um, yeah, I'm ravished.

Eric: Then why **are** you eating only a salad?

Claudia: 'Cause I am a vegetarian. I guess I could say, "I'm so hungry I could eat an iceberg salad." (Everybody laughs.)

(points to Claudia and herself) Yeah, we are all veggies. Doris:

Wow, you learn something new every day. 15 Eric:

(Jason enters the room.)

Whose car is parked outside in front of the fire hydrant? It's a black Volkswagen. It's getting Jason:

Fred: Holy Mackerel Batman! I have to go and save the bat mobile!

20 (Fred jumps up and runs off.)

Ha ha, are there any more steaks on the grill and if so, whose are they?

Claudia: Yeah, there are some steaks on the grill and I think they belong to Fred.

Great, I don't think he will be coming back soon. (laughs) Eric:

Eric: Who's got the *ketchup*?

Who's got the what? 25 Jason:

The ketchup, it's right in front of you. Can you pass it please? Eric:

Ah, you mean the tomato sauce. Here you go. Jason: Okay, the tomato sauce. Whatever. Thanks. Eric:

You're welcome. Jason:

Don't mention it \\You're welcome \}	entspricht dem deutschen	Holy Mackerel Batman	(Ausruf des Erschreckens)
	"bitte" nach "thank you"	bat	Fledermaus, <i>hier</i> : VW
ravish tow [təu]	hinreißen, entzücken schleppen, abschleppen	ketchup (AE), tomato sauce (BE)	Tomatensoße

Understanding the text. True or false? Tick the correct box.

- 1. There are five people sitting at the table at the beginning.
- 2. Claudia passes the salt to Eric and says: "please".
- 3. Claudia is eating an iceberg.
- 4. Jason comes in with a policeman.
- 5. Eric's car is getting towed off.
- 6. "Tomato sauce" and "ketchup" mean the same.

true	false

And what about you? Answer in full sentences.

- 7. Are you a vegetarian? Why? Why not?
- 8. Have you or one of your friends ever been fined (Strafzettel erhalten) by the police? Why and how much was the fine?

THE REGULAR AND IRREGULAR VERBS

DIE REGELMÄSSIGEN UND UNREGELMÄSSIGEN VERBEN

So wie es im Deutschen schwache (fragen, fragte, gefragt) und starke Verben (singen, sang, gesungen) gibt, unterscheidet man auch im Englischen in regelmäßige und unregelmäßige Verben. Letztere muss man sich ganz besonders gut einprägen. Aber trösten Sie sich, davon gibt es ja "nur" etwa 150, im Gegensatz zu den vielen Hunderten, ja Tausenden von regelmäßigen Verben.

Jedes Verb hat eine Grundform (infinitive), eine Vergangenheitsform (past tense form) und ein Mittelwort der Vergangenheit (past participle), das für die Bildung der zusammengesetzten Zeitformen gebraucht wird.

	Grundform (infinitive)	Vergangenheitsform (past tense form)	Mittelwort der Vergangenheit (past participle)
regelmäßige Verben mit	to ask	ask ed	ask ed → z.B. (has) asked
Vergangenheitsformen	to work	work ed	work ed → z.B. (had) worked
auf "-ed"	to laugh	laugh ed	laugh ed
	to say	said	said → z. B.(will have) said
unregelmäßige Verben	to go	went	gone → z.B. (would have) gone
	to write	wrote	written
	to be	was, were	been

THE VERB TO BE DAS VERB "TO BE"

		Person	Gegenwart (present tense)	Vergangenheit (past tense)
		I	am	was
Sing	gular	you	are	were
		he, she, it	is	was
		we]	
Plur	ral	you	are	were
		they	J	J

KATHERINE MANSFIELD, THE GARDEN PARTY, PRÉCIS 1 B

One day in early summer the weather for the garden party is ideal. The gardener is preparing the large garden for this event in the afternoon. Even the bushes shine in full green and hundreds of roses have come out overnight, the only flowers that everybody knows.

5 While they are having breakfast, mother tells her daughters that she is going to leave the organisation of the whole party to them.

They are having breakfast, when the workmen arrive to **put up** the *marquee*.

It is Laura's task to tell the four workmen what to do. As she is still eating her bread and butter she feels a bit ashamed when talking to the four men while they are carrying their tool-bags and staves with rolls of canvas.

10 Th	ne tallest of the men	looks so i	nice and	friendly ar	nd she I	loses her	shvness and	l cheers un.
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marquee Festzelt		staves Zeltsta	ngen			
-	. Tick the correct answer.					
1. When is the weath	ner ideal for a garden party?					
a. in spring	b. in summer	c. in autumn	d. in June or July			
2. The only flowers	2. The only flowers everybody seems to know are					
a. lawns	b. roses	c. green leaves	d. bushes			
3. "They" (1.5) are						
a. the workmen	b. mother and the gar-	c. Laura and the	d. mother and her			
	dener	gardener	daughters			
4. Laura tells the workmen						
a. to cut the lawn	b. to finish breakfast	c. to put up the tent for the garden party	d. to carry the staves			
5. Laura likes one of	the workmen and so she					
a. starts talking to hi and is no longer	m b. begins to laugh	c. gives him her bread and butter	d. loses courage			

Give the past tense forms of these irregular words.

infinitive	past tense form
6. to be	
7. to shine	
8. to come	
9. to know	
10. to have breakfast	
11. to tell	
12. to leave	
13. to put up	
14. to do	
15. to eat	
16. to feel	
17. to lose	

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SAY IT AGAIN SAM

An American tourist is on tour through England with a rented TRUCK. He goes to a fast food restaurant and eats a massive portion of FRENCH FRIES with lots of KETCHUP on it and drinks some coke. (He has a bottle of LIQUOR with him, but as he is a driver he doesn't drink it, of course.) Later he has a PUNCTURE in one of the TYRES. He goes to a garage nearby.

Tourist: "I have a FLAT, can you help me?"

Mechanic: "Sorry Sir, we are a garage and not an ESTATE AGENT's."

EXERCISE

Complete this diagram.

	German	British English	American English
1.	Lastwagen		
2.	Pommes		
3.	Tomatensoße		
4.	Schnaps		
5.	einen Platten haben		
6.	Reifen		
7.	Wohnung		
8.	Wohnungsmakler		