



Level 7

(Pre-intermediate)

Lesson 3



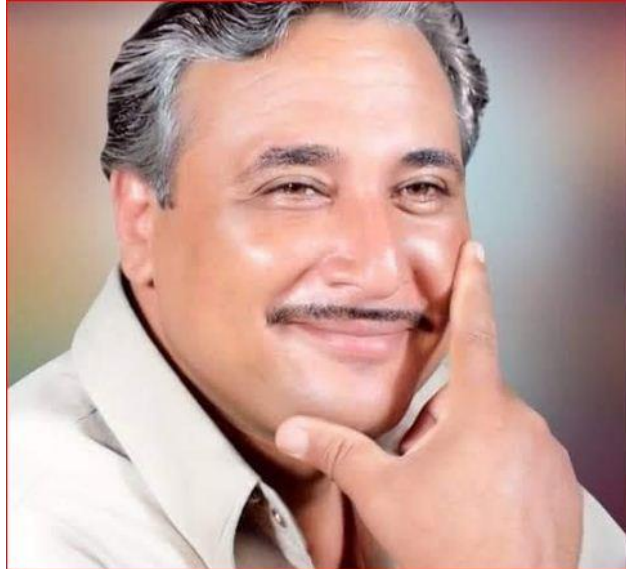
Lesson aims

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1 Work in groups. Discuss these questions.

1. What traditional food restaurants are there in your country?
What food do they serve?
2. What are the good and bad things about traditional food?
3. How often do you go to a local food restaurant? What do you usually eat and drink?
4. When you're in a different town or city, how do you decide where to eat?

What do you know about this man?



About Tarek

Vocabulary

Match the phrase with its definition.

- | | | | | |
|---|----|-----------------|----|--|
| c | 1. | loan (n) | a) | To give something that is needed. |
| b | 2. | permit (n) | b) | An official document that says you are allowed to do something. |
| d | 3. | Upper-Egypt (n) | c) | Money you borrow and have to pay back later. |
| a | 4. | provide (v) | d) | The southern part of the country, where old cities like Luxor and Aswan are. |

Reading – part 1

Read the article* about Abou Tarek and put these ideas in order.

- 2 a) How Abou Tarek began his journey
- 1 b) Information about Koshari
- 4 c) Koshari and tourists
- 3 d) Buying the first shop



1. Koshari is a national vegetarian dish consisting of a mix of pasta, tomato sauce, lentils, rice, fried onion, and chickpeas, was **created** in the mid-19th century. Koshari (also spelled Koshary or Kushari) is the national dish of Egypt. It's served in almost every Egyptian restaurant, in every Egyptian home, and on every Egyptian street corner. One of the most famous and oldest Koshari restaurants in Egypt is "Abou Tarek Koshari." It is **located** in downtown Cairo. Youssef Zaki, also known as Abou Tarek, is the owner of this famous restaurant. He is one of the most iconic figures in Egyptian food life.

*This article is adapted from: world-appetite.shorthandstories.com

Reading – part 2

2. He **started** selling Koshari at the age of thirteen following his father's death to provide for his family. He would work on a little cart on the corner of the street where his restaurant is now. He **didn't have** a proper permit to run a business, at first, so he used to hide his cart from the police. It **was** harassment from the police that **pushed** him to start looking for a shop.
3. In 1989 an Upper-Egypt coffee shop owner **decided** to sell his shop. Abou Tarek **went** to him and **proposed** that he make a small down payment and then repay his loan with monthly instalments. Abou Tarek **was** finally inside the store rather than on the street after the store owner approved. It **took** him nearly three years to pay off the loan, but even during that time, business **was** going well and he **was** well-liked by all of his clients. Abou Tarek Koshari has been in the Koshari business for seventy years. It **made** such a huge impact on Egyptian citizens from all around Egypt for many years that it **became** a famous landmark in Cairo.
4. We **visited** the main branch of Abou Tarek Koshari in Downtown Cairo and **interviewed** the manager. When **asked** about why Koshari is very popular and **liked** by most people, he **replied** "Koshari is a very beautiful and simple meal which makes it within everyone's reach. That's why when tourists come to Egypt, they always come to try our Koshari." "This place has become like a tradition, tourists from all around either from the Arab Gulf or foreigners, must visit Abou Tarek. If they **didn't visit** it, they would feel that something is missing" he added.

c Read the article again. Then answer these questions.

- a) Why **did** Abou Tarek **start** selling Koshari?
- b) How long **did** it **take** him to pay his loan?
- c) When **did** the first Abou Tarek restaurant **open**?
- d) Who **sold** his coffee shop to Abou Tarek?
- e) **Was** Abou Tarek the first to open a Koshari restaurant in Egypt?
- f) **Did** Abou Tarek **have** a permit to sell Koshari at the age of thirteen?
 - a) Because he needed to provide for his family after his father died.
 - b) 3 years
 - c) In 1989
 - d) An Upper-Egypt coffee shop owner
 - e) No, he wasn't.
 - f) No, he didn't.

List all the verbs in bold from the article.

- created
- located
- started
- **didn't have**
- **was** x4
- pushed
- decided
- **went**
- proposed
- **took**
- **made**
- **became**
- visited
- interviewed
- asked
- replied
- liked
- **didn't visit**

1. What's the name of this tense?

The past simple tense

2. When do we use it?

To talk about completed actions/states at a specific time

3. How do we make a (+) verb?

verb + -d, -ed, or -ied (or was/were)

4. How do we make a (-) verb?

didn't + verb (or wasn't/weren't)

5. Is there a rule for irregular verbs?

No, you need to memorize the different verbs.

6. How do we make a Wh- question?

Wh- word + did + subject + verb

7. How do we make a yes/no question?

Did + subject + verb

Was/were + subject + noun/adjective

Practice

Fill in the gaps with verbs in the past simple tense.

Kebdet El Prince is a very famous restaurant in Egypt. It **(1)** _____ (start) as a small food cart on a busy street. The owner, Nasser El Prince, **(2)** _____ (work) very hard every day. He **(3)** _____ (not / have) a big building at the beginning, just a simple cart.

Many people **(4)** _____ (go) to Imbaba to try his liver (*kebda*). They **(5)** _____ (love) the taste and the smell of the food. Soon, the restaurant **(6)** _____ (become) famous all over Cairo. Nasser **(7)** _____ (not / stay) in the street forever. He **(8)** _____ (buy) a shop and **(9)** _____ (open) a large restaurant.

Celebrities and football players **(10)** _____ (eat) there frequently. Even when things were difficult, Nasser **(11)** _____ (not / give up) on his dream. He **(12)** _____ (keep) his traditional recipes the same for many years.

1. **started**
2. **worked**
3. **didn't have**
4. **went**
5. **loved**
6. **became**
7. **didn't stay**
8. **bought**
9. **opened**
10. **ate**
11. **didn't give up**
12. **kept**

Past time phrases

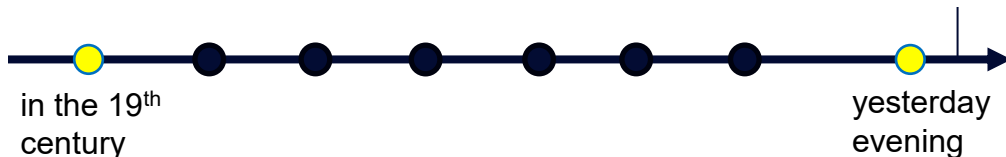
6 a Put these past time phrases in order.

in 1900 in the sixties yesterday evening 8
last week the day before yesterday
eighty years ago in the nineteenth century 1
in July last year

2 in 1900 3 eighty years ago 4 in the sixties 5 in
July last year 6 last week 7 the day before yesterday

Past

now



We got married six months .

(last Friday) = days

(last May) = months

(last summer) = seasons

(in 1900) = years

(in July) = months

Get ready ... Get it right!

8 Think about the last time you had a special meal. Make notes on the meal. Use these ideas.

- reason for the meal
- where and when you had the meal
- the people at the meal
- what time it started and finished
- what you wore
- the food and drink
- any other interesting information

9 a Work in pairs. Talk about your special meals. Ask questions to find out more information.

My special meal was for my birthday last month.

Where did you have it?

b Tell the class about your partner's special meal. Did anyone not enjoy their meal? Why not?

How we met

1 a Look at the photos. Where are the people, do you think?

b Match sentences 1–3 to photos A–C.

1 I **was travelling** back from China and we met on the plane.

2 We first met when she **was renting** a room in my sister's flat.

3 We **were standing** at a bus stop and he said hello.

c **CD1** → **15** Listen and check.



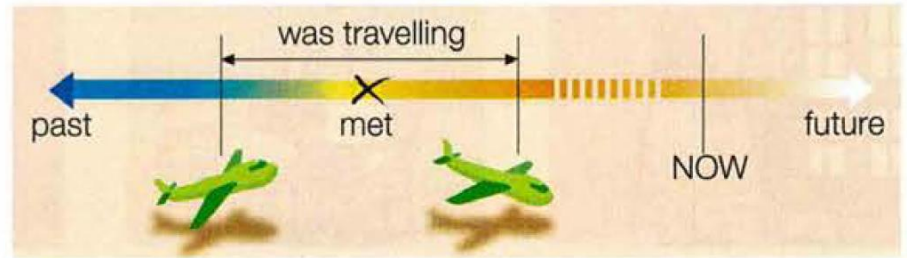
Language focus

- 2 a Look at this sentence. Then answer the questions.

*I **was travelling** back from China and we **met** on the plane.*

- 1 Which action started first?
- 2 Which action was shorter?
- 3 Which action was longer?
- 4 Did the 'travelling' continue after they met?
- 5 Which verb is in the Past Simple and which is in the Past Continuous?

- We use the Past Continuous to talk about an action that was in progress when another (shorter) action happened. The action in the Past Continuous might continue after this point.



TIP • We also use the Past Continuous to talk about an activity in progress at a point of time in the past: *I was working at 9.30.*

Past continuous form

b Fill in the gaps for the Past Continuous with *was*, *wasn't*, *were* or *weren't*.



POSITIVE

I/he/she/it + was + verb+ing
you/we/they + were + verb+ing



NEGATIVE

I/he/she/it + wasn't + verb+ing
you/we/they + weren't + verb+ing

2.3 Past Continuous: questions 2B 8 p17

- We make Past Continuous questions with:

question word + or + +

question word	auxiliary	subject	verb+ing	
What	were	they	doing	when Ray gave Claire a present?
What	was	Ray	doing	when Claire arrived home in Paris?

verb+ing: spelling rules

most verbs: add **-ing**

verbs ending in **-e**: take off and
add

verbs ending in consonant + vowel +
consonant: the last consonant
and add

examples

go →
wait →

live →
write →

get →
stop →
travel →

Practice

- 4 a Helen is talking about how she met Simon. Choose the correct verb forms.
- 1 I first met / *was meeting* Simon when we *waited* / were waiting for a bus.
 - 2 It *rained* / was raining and he offered / *was offering* me his umbrella.
 - 3 While we *sat* / were sitting on the bus, he gave / *was giving* me his business card.
 - 4 But when I got / *was getting* home I couldn't find the card anywhere.



Relationships

- a 1. go out with someone
- i 2. get divorced
- e 3. fall in love with someone
- g 4. break up with someone
- b 5. get engaged to someone
- d 6. get married to someone
- h 7. go on a date
- c 8. ask someone out
- f 9. meet someone for the first time

I think 'go out with someone' is (c).

- Yes, that's correct.
- I don't think so. I think it's (a).



Story time!

Meeting people for the first time (relationships).

1. "Emma was eating breakfast when the doorbell..."
2. "One day, Jack saw a dog that..."
3. "Sophie was riding her bike when she..."



Any story (drama, horror, mystery, romance, comedy)!

1. "Last night, Carlos watched a movie and then..."
2. "Liam was reading a book when he heard..."
3. "Emily and Noah were playing outside when it suddenly..."
4. "Lucy found a strange key while she was..."
5. "Oliver and Mia were swimming in the pool when they..."
6. "Ava was drawing a picture when her friend..."
7. "Last weekend, Ben and Grace went to the park and..."

Language feedback

Find the mistakes and correct them.

1. ...

2. ...

3. ...

4. ...

5. ...



Reflection

What did you do
well?

What needs more
practice?

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Thanks



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