

## UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES: Past simple and past progressive

## THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR

Many of the grammar areas in Book 3, especially in the first lessons, are reviews and extensions of areas already covered in previous books. This means that we are not usually dealing with early learning confusions but with problems that have persisted in spite of considerable exposure, practice, perhaps including actual use outside class, and correction. Many of these problems may be turning into what are called *fossilized errors*. It is very important to involve our students in noticing and eradicating such errors for themselves, and to not just correct them, but to tell them the rules yet again and give them more practice.

- The main grammar focus is on the past simple and past progressive, as well as the use of *so*, *neither*, *either* and *too*.
- Latin American Spanish and Brazilian Portuguese speakers both tend to make mistakes with double negatives, causing errors such as: *I don't drive and neither doesn't my brother.* ✗ They also have problems with word order, which can create errors such as: *So I do.* ✗
- There is no equivalent for *either* in Portuguese. This can lead to errors such as *I don't like it too.* ✗
- **Note:** Sentences marked with a ✗ are incorrect.

## ANSWERS

## EXERCISE 1

- 1e It was around 11:00 at night.  
 2g I was walking home from my friend's house.  
 3c There was a light in the sky. It looked like a spaceship.  
 4a It was landing in a field.  
 5d I hid behind a tree and watched.  
 6f I saw a door. It opened and two figures came out.  
 7b They were waving at me! They wanted me to come with them.

## EXERCISE 2

- 1b Neither does Miguel.  
 2a So are we.  
 3b My father was too.  
 4b Neither did she.  
 5a We do too.  
 6a So were we.

## EXERCISE 3

- 1 I haven't seen the movie and you haven't either.  
 2 My brother is afraid of dogs and I am too.  
 3 We didn't go out last Saturday and neither did our teacher.  
 4 I don't like pop music and my boyfriend doesn't either.  
 5 The baby wakes up early every morning and so do his parents.  
 6 I like playing soccer and he does too.

## PERSONALIZE IT!

Role-play the interview about the UFO sighting (exercise 1). This could be extended by asking the FBI agents to prepare more questions.

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EXERCISE 1

Match the questions with the correct answers. Then underline the correct form of the verb in the answers.

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|-------------------------------|---|
| 1 What time was it?           | a) It <u>was</u> / <u>were</u> landing in a field.                                |
| 2 What were you doing?        | b) They were waving at me! They <u>want</u> / <u>wanted</u> me to come with them. |
| 3 What happened next?         | c) There <u>were</u> / <u>was</u> a light in the sky. It looked like a spaceship. |
| 4 What was it doing?          | d) I <u>hid</u> / <u>hided</u> behind a tree and watched.                         |
| 5 What did you do after that? | e) It <u>was</u> / <u>were</u> around 11:00 at night.                             |
| 6 What did you see?           | f) I <u>was seeing</u> / <u>saw</u> a door. It opened and two figures came out.   |
| 7 What were they doing?       | g) I <u>was walking</u> / <u>walked</u> home from my friend's house.              |



EXERCISE 2

Check (✓) the correct answers.

*I go swimming at the beach in the summer.*

- a) *So do I!* ✓    b) *I do either!*

- Juan doesn't work here anymore.
  - Miguel does either.
  - Neither does Miguel.
- We are working this Saturday.
  - So are we.
  - So do we.
- My mother was born in the U.S.A.
  - My father was either.
  - My father was too.
- I didn't like the movie *Chicago*.
  - Neither didn't she.
  - Neither did she.
- They use the Internet a lot.
  - We do too.
  - We don't either.
- I was studying for two hours last night.
  - So were we.
  - So we were.

EXERCISE 3

Rewrite the sentences using the word in bold.

*I don't drink beer and neither does my wife.*  
*either*

**I don't drink beer and my wife doesn't either.**.....

- I haven't seen the movie and neither have you.  
**either**  
.....
- My brother is afraid of dogs and so am I.  
**too**  
.....
- We didn't go out last Saturday and our teacher didn't either.  
**neither**  
.....
- I don't like pop music and neither does my boyfriend.  
**either**  
.....
- The baby wakes up early every morning and his parents do too.  
**so**  
.....
- I like playing soccer and so does he.  
**too**  
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