

le prétérit

Read the following text about Child labour in Victorian times.

During the 1800s the Industrial Revolution spread in Britain. There were more and more factories. Factories wanted children because they were small and cheap and they could go under the machines. They started to work at the age of seven. One day the workers were children between seven and thirteen. Some children had to work in the coal mines. They died at the age of 25 on average.

The owners of cotton mills took orphans. Orphans did not have anything, so in exchange for their work they received food and a place to sleep. Some children fell sick while working and fell into the machines.

There is an act in 1833 : children aged 9 to 13 were not allowed to work for more than 9 hours a day or a total of more than 48 hours a week. In 1880 the law said that children aged 5 to 10 had to go to primary school.

1. Souligne tous les groupes verbaux du texte.
2. Trouve des exemples dans le texte des éléments suivants :

Trois verbes réguliers au prétérit à la forme affirmative.

Six verbes irréguliers au prétérit à la forme affirmative.

Un groupe verbal au prétérit à la forme négative.

Un modal dans sa forme prétérit.

Un équivalent de modal dans sa forme prétérit.

3. Complète la leçon avant de l'apprendre par cœur.

Le prétérit est le temps qui sert à raconter des événements _____ et _____.

Pour les verbes réguliers on ajoute _____ à la fin du verbe à la forme _____.

Pour les verbes irréguliers il faut apprendre la forme passé _____ du masculin pour la forme _____.

Pour la forme _____ et la forme _____ on doit utiliser l'auxiliaire _____ devant la base verbale sauf s'il y a déjà un auxiliaire modal ou l'auxi-verbe BE.

Forme	BE	Verbe régulier	Verbe irrégulier	Auxiliaire modal
Forme affirmative	He was/were were	You worked	We met	They could sing
Forme interrogative	Was he?	Did he work?	Did you meet?	Could you sing?
Forme négative	She wasn't/ You weren't	She didn't work	They didn't meet	You couldn't sing

Exemples à apprendre par cœur :

Man : Where were you yesterday? At the cinema?

He : I was at the library. I was not at the cinema.

Man : What did you do at the library?

He : I worked on my project on Dickens and I read Oliver Twist.

Man : Why didn't you work at home?

He : I couldn't! I had to look at a lot of different books!