

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ACTIVITY SHEET

Writing – Consistency of Tense

Underline all the finite verbs in this passage then re-write it COMPLETELY in the past tense. Remember that finite verbs are verbs that have a subject and a tense.

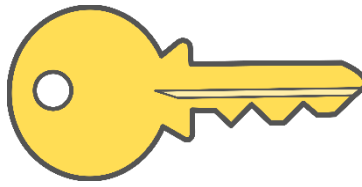


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As I was leaving my house to get a taxi, an old maxi taxi zoomed over a big pothole in the road and splash mud all over my new shoes! By then I was so exasperated that I was ready to scream. I dig my fingernails into my palms, trying to calm down. This just wasn’t my day!

Just then, I see Maria, my gorgeous neighbour. She was the kindest and most beautiful person that I knew. Maria took one look at my muddy shoes and my sad face, blow me a kiss, smile at me and say that it was going to be all right. As I look into those lovely brown eyes, I forget all my troubles.

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Answer Key

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