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1) Quel est le temps dans les propositions surlignées en jaune ?

2) Comment est-ce qu'il est construit dans ces phrases ?

3) Quelle est la construction du prétérit ?

4) Pourquoi et quand utilise-t-on le prétérit ?

5) A quoi servent les particules (surlignées en bleu) ?

Exercice d'application :

- 1) The Rainbow Serpent **jumped over** the hill. (sauter au dessus de)
- 2) The animals _____ the water. (courir en direction de)
- 3) The rivers _____ the cliff. (se renverser)
- 4) The sun _____ Uluru. (se cacher derrière)
- 5) The Aborigines _____ the ocean. (danser près de)

Compréhension écrite

Tiddalick

Once upon a time, a long time ago, in the Dreamtime, lived a frog called Tiddalick.

Tiddalick was the largest frog in the entire world. One very warm morning, he woke up with feeling very, very thirsty and started to drink the fresh water. He drank and he drank and he kept drinking until all the fresh water in the entire Billabong was gone!

When the other animals arrived at the Billabong to get their morning drink, they found it was all dried up. This made them very sad.

They knew Tiddalick the frog had drunk all the water. They knew they needed to come up with a plan to get the water back, but they didn't know how. They thought and they thought and they thought until they realised that the best way to get the water back was to make Tiddalick laugh. If they could make him laugh then all the water would come spilling out of his mouth and back into the Billabong!

The first animal to try and make him laugh was the echidna. She rolled herself up into a tight little ball and rolled down the bank of the Billabong like a bowling ball! The kangaroo laughed and so did the emu, but Tiddalick didn't laugh.

The next animal to try and make Tiddalick laugh was the wombat. The wombat stood up on his hind legs and danced around in a circle until he fell over in the dirt! The Galah laughed and so did the goanna, but Tiddalick didn't laugh.

The next animal to try and make Tiddalick laugh was the kookaburra. She perched herself on a branch close to Tiddalick and told her funniest story. It was so funny that she burst out laughing! But Tiddalick didn't laugh. He just sat there with his big belly full of all the water.

Finally, the snake decided to try and make Tiddalick laugh. She started to dance and dance, wriggling and squirming all over the ground until she eventually tied herself into a knot. The knot was so tight that she struggled and struggled to untie herself but was stuck! Tiddalick watched struggle around, trying to untie herself, and let out a small chuckle. That small chuckle turned into a rumbling in his tummy before it turned into a great big belly laugh! The water came gushing out of his mouth and filled the Billabong back up once again.

All the animals jumped with joy as they took big, long, gulps of water to quench their thirst.

Read the text, then answer the following questions

Circle the right answers:

- 1) **Who is the main character?** The kangaroo – The kookaburra – Tiddalick
- 2) **When does the story take place?** Nowadays – In the Dreamtime – In the future
- 3) **What is the main problem?** There is no more water – It is too hot – There is no food
- 4) **Who took all the water?** All the animals – Tiddalick – The echidna

True/False, circle the right answer:

- 5) **Tiddalick is a frog.** True – False
- 6) **Tiddalick drunk all the water because he was really thirsty.** True – False
- 7) **The Billabong is a source of fresh water for all the animals.** True – False
- 8) **The wombat succeeded in making Tiddalick laugh.** True – False

Answer the following questions (make sentences):

9) What do the animals want to do to get the water back?

10) Which animal made Tiddalick laugh? How did she make him laugh?

Correction

PRL: prétérit + particule

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- 1) **Quel est le temps dans les propositions surlignées ?** Prétérit
- 2) **Comment est-ce qu'il est construit dans ces phrases ?** Le prétérit est suivi la plupart du temps d'une particule, dans ces propositions.
- 3) **Quelle est la construction du prétérit ?** Il existe deux types de verbes : les verbes réguliers auxquels on rajoute **-ED** à la base verbale, et les verbes irréguliers (qu'il faut apprendre par cœur).
- 4) **Pourquoi et quand utilise-t-on le prétérit ?** On utilise le prétérit pour parler d'une action révolue, c'est-à-dire qu'elle est terminée au moment présent. Il n'y a aucun lien avec le présent.
- 5) **A quoi servent les particules ?** Les particules permettent de préciser le verbe, et de donner une direction.

Exercice d'application :

- 1) The Rainbow Serpent **jumped over** the hill. (*sauter au dessus de*)
- 2) The animals **ran towards** the water. (*courir en direction de*)
- 3) The rivers **spilled over** the cliff. (*se renverser*)
- 4) The sun **hid behind** Uluru. (*se cacher derrière*)
- 5) The Aborigines **danced by** the ocean. (*danser près de*)

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Answer the following questions (make sentences):

- 9) What do the animals want to do to get the water back?

The animals knew that Tiddalick the frog took all the water, so they decided they had to make him laugh. However, it was very hard.

- 10) Which animal made Tiddalick laugh? How did she make him laugh?

The serpent made him laugh. She tried to dance, but she got stuck. She was all twisted. So, she had to untie herself. And that made Tiddalick laugh.