

Cast of Characters

Here are the people you will be reading about. They live in Wickam City.



Mr. Bascomb, rich and powerful, is running for mayor of Wickam City. He is pro-business and wants to build a toy factory in City Park.



Otis Jackson, an artist, is also running for mayor of Wickam City. He is very concerned about the environment and wants to save City Park for the people.



Anne Jones is a secretary at City Bank. She is bored with her job and dreams of becoming a professional singer.



Johnnie Wilson is the owner of Johnnie's Bookstore. He is in love with Anne, but afraid to tell her how he feels.



Barbara Martinoli is one of Anne's friends and a co-worker at City Bank. She is married to Tino Martinoli.



Tino Martinoli, Barbara's husband, works as a waiter in his father's Italian restaurant. He dreams of going to Italy some day.



Maria Miranda is a young doctor who is very popular with her patients at Frampton Hospital.



Peter Smith is a successful businessman. He is also a world traveler who loves adventure.



Marty Mango, 10, is a student at Wickam Elementary School. He has been having a hard time since his father died.



Fred Farmer is a former professional baseball player. He tries to help boys like Marty who come from poor families.



Barney Field is a taxi driver. He and Fred are best friends.



Suzi Suzuki, star reporter for the Wickam Daily News, always covers the big stories.



Nancy Paine is a pilot. She is very brave, often risking her life to help people in emergency situations.



Dr. Pasto is a highly respected professor. Many people go to him for advice when they are having personal problems.

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Going to the dentist

Getting help

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Past perfect

Have/get something done

Verb + object + infinitive (without “to”)

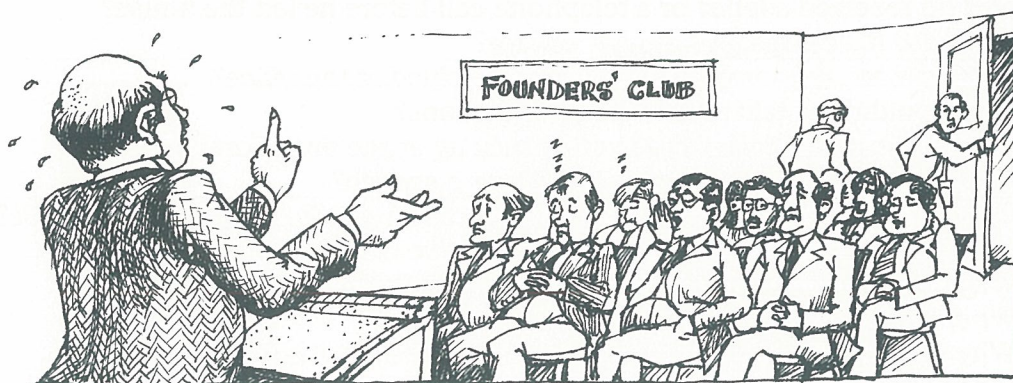
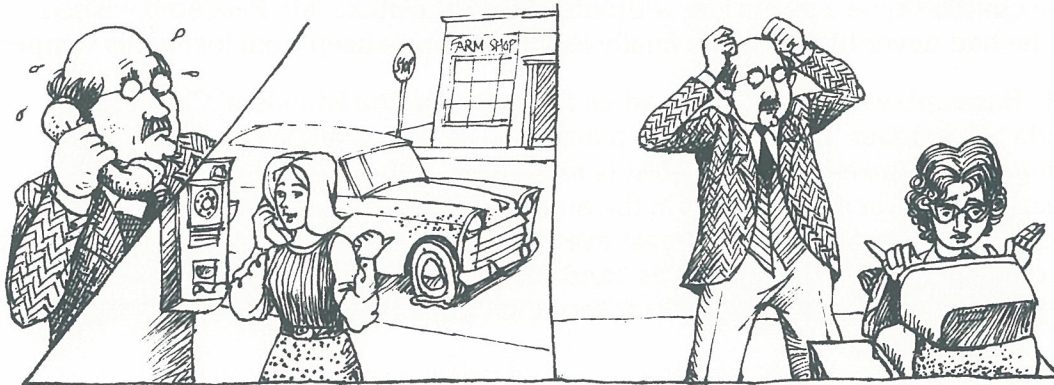
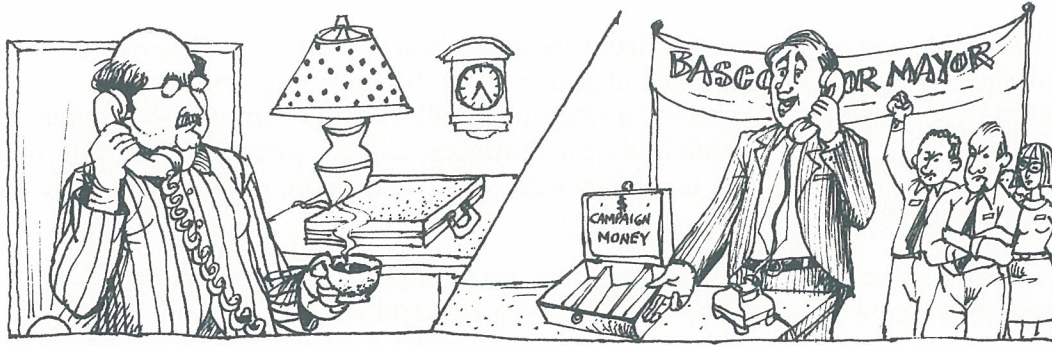
F U N C T I O N S

Expressing regret

Giving advice

Giving opinions

WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE?



1. Talk about the pictures.
2. Listen to the story.
3. Answer the story questions.



READING

Mr. Bascomb was upset. At times like this he wished he had never become a candidate for mayor. Everything had gone wrong that morning. Even before leaving the house he had received a telephone call from his campaign manager asking for money. Mr. Bascomb had no volunteers, and the people working for him refused to do any more work until they were paid. This made him angry and he left the house in a bad mood.

When Mr. Bascomb arrived at the office, he realized that he had left his briefcase at home. He tried calling his wife, but the line was busy. She was always talking on the phone, and this annoyed Mr. Bascomb a great deal. He could feel his head pounding. He reached for the aspirin, but the bottle was empty. He had forgotten to pick up some aspirin at the drugstore.

Mr. Bascomb looked at his watch. He was to deliver a campaign speech at the Founders' Club at eleven o'clock. He had given a rough draft of his speech to Barbara the day before and asked her to type it up for him. He hadn't seen her when he came into the office and now he was very worried. Just then the telephone rang. It was Barbara. She explained that she had had a flat tire and couldn't be at work until twelve o'clock.

Mr. Bascomb was desperate. He didn't know what to do. He finally called Anne into his office and tried dictating his speech from memory. But it was hopeless. Anne couldn't type a single line without making a mistake. Mr. Bascomb wished that he had never hired her. He finally left the room to keep from losing his temper.

Mr. Bascomb was very nervous when he arrived at the Founders' Club. He couldn't remember anything he had planned to say to his audience. He started talking about himself and his problems instead of talking about the problems of Wickam City. Most of the people in the audience were bored. By the time Mr. Bascomb finished his speech, almost everyone had fallen asleep or left the room. No one came up afterward to shake his hand or wish him well. Mr. Bascomb was very disappointed. He decided to go home for lunch and tell his wife what had happened.

1. How did Mr. Bascomb feel this morning? Was he happy or upset?
2. Had he received a letter or a telephone call before he left the house?
3. What did his campaign manager ask for?
4. What did Mr. Bascomb realize when he arrived at the office?
5. Why couldn't he talk to his wife on the phone?
6. What had Mr. Bascomb forgotten to pick up at the drugstore?
7. Where was Mr. Bascomb going to deliver a speech?
8. Had he given a rough draft of his speech to Anne or Barbara the day before?
9. Why couldn't Barbara be at work until twelve o'clock?
10. Why was it hopeless for Mr. Bascomb to dictate his speech to Anne?
11. What did he wish about Anne?
12. Why was Mr. Bascomb nervous when he arrived at the Founders' Club?
13. What did he talk about?
14. What had happened by the time Mr. Bascomb finished his speech?
15. What did he decide to do?
16. Have you ever had a day when everything went wrong?

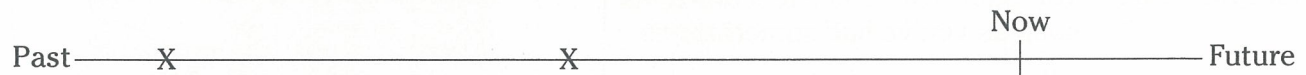
PAST PERFECT

He realized that he had made a mistake.

_____ forgotten something.

_____ left his briefcase at home.

_____ wasted a lot of time.



He left his briefcase at home. He realized his mistake.

He realized that he **had left** his briefcase at home.

We use the past perfect for an action that took place before the time of our thinking or speaking about it. The past perfect is formed with **had** + past participle.

WRITTEN EXERCISE • Complete the sentences using the past perfect. Then read the sentences aloud.

Mr. Bascomb realized that he had left his briefcase at home.
(leave)

Barbara explained that she had had a flat tire on the way to work.
(have)

1. Mr. Hamby told us that he _____ hard all his life.
(work)
2. He was disappointed that his wife _____ all their money on new furniture.
(spend)
3. She explained that she _____ everything on sale.
(buy)
4. Barbara felt that she _____ a good tennis player.
(become)
5. She knew that she _____ considerably.
(improve)
6. I heard that she _____ every game against Nancy.
(win)
7. John's report showed that the company _____ 20 percent in one year.
(grow)
8. He thought that all the employees _____ a good job.
(do)
9. I felt that I _____ a lot at the last meeting.
(learn)
10. My boss told me that I _____ a good impression.
(make)

CONVERSATION



Listen and practice.

MR. BASCOMB: What a terrible morning. I hadn't even finished shaving when my campaign manager called to give me some bad news.

MRS. BASCOMB: You poor dear. You'll feel better as soon as you've had something to eat.

MR. BASCOMB: Not unless your cooking has improved considerably. Henrietta, you wouldn't believe what happened this morning.

MRS. BASCOMB: Dear, you worry too much. You should relax when you come home.

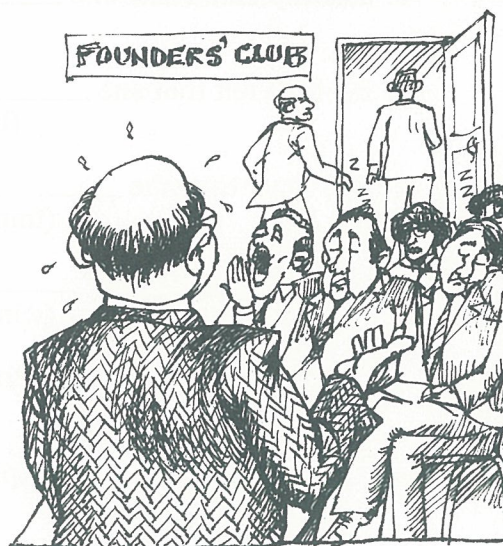
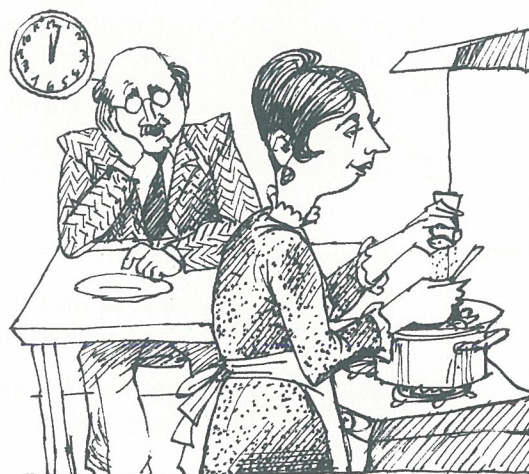
MR. BASCOMB: How can I relax when everything goes wrong? Barbara was supposed to type up my speech and bring it to the office this morning. At ten o'clock she called in saying that she'd had a flat tire.

MRS. BASCOMB: Well, where was Anne?

MR. BASCOMB: Anne. Hah! I tried dictating my speech to her, but she couldn't type a single line without making a mistake. I wish I'd never hired her.

MRS. BASCOMB: Don't be too hard on Anne. I'm sure she wasn't doing it on purpose.

MR. BASCOMB: Oh, if only Barbara had come to work on time. When I got to the Founders' Club I couldn't remember anything I'd planned to say. My speech was a disaster. Almost everyone had fallen asleep or left the room by the time I finished. What a life! I'll never win the election this way.



MRS. BASCOMB: I understand how you feel, dear. But don't think about it or you'll ruin your lunch. Why, you've hardly touched your chicken and peas.

MR. BASCOMB: If only you hadn't made chicken and peas. If I've told you once, I've told you a thousand times, I can't stand chicken and peas.

MRS. BASCOMB: John, you complain too much. Do you know what I wish?

MR. BASCOMB: No, what?

MRS. BASCOMB: I wish you hadn't come home for lunch.



WISH + PAST PERFECT

He wishes he hadn't gone to work.

_____ hired Anne Jones.

_____ given such a poor speech.

_____ become a candidate for mayor.

PRACTICE • Change the sentences using *wish* and the past perfect.

Mr. Bascomb is sorry he hired Anne Jones.

He wishes he hadn't hired her.

Anne is sorry she became a secretary.

She wishes she hadn't become a secretary.

1. Mr. Bascomb is sorry he became a candidate for mayor.
2. He's sorry he gave such a poor speech.
3. Anne is sorry she made so many mistakes.
4. She is sorry she wasted so much time.
5. Barbara is sorry she came to work late.
6. Nick is sorry he sold his motorcycle.
7. He's sorry he missed the football game.
8. My sister is sorry she spent all her money.
9. She's sorry she bought so many clothes.

When talking about two actions which happened in the past, use the past perfect for the action which happened first. Use the past tense for the second, more recent action. The past perfect is often used with **because, by the time, as soon as, and when.**

Almost everyone ^① **had left** by the time he ^② **finished** his speech.

He ^② **was** upset because he ^① **had given** a terrible speech.

Either the past tense or the past perfect is used with **before** and **after.**

He ^① **received** a phone call before he ^② **left** the house.
He ^② **had received**

He ^② **felt** better after he ^① **talked** with his wife.
He ^② **had felt** better after he ^① **had talked**

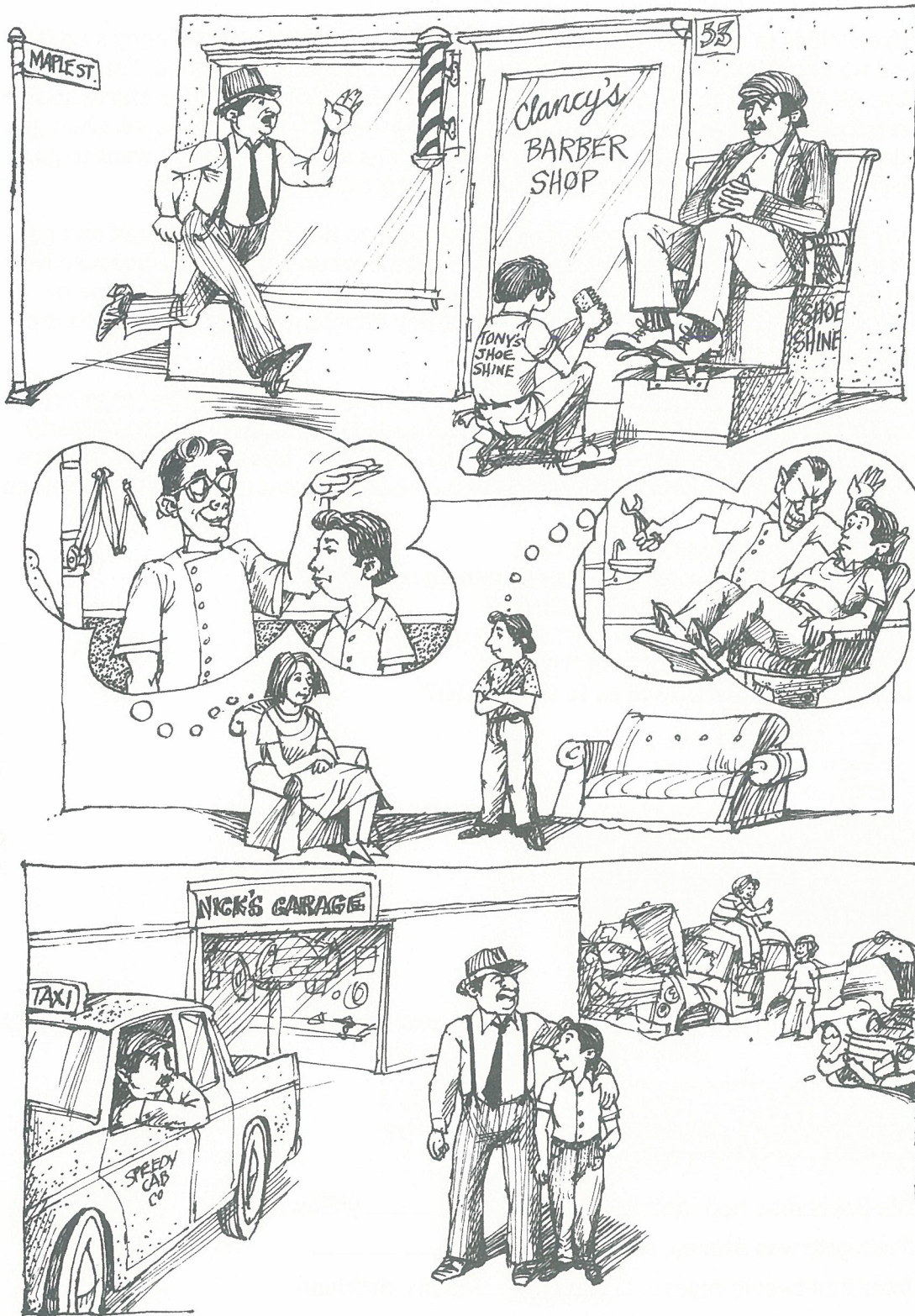
WRITTEN EXERCISE • Complete the sentences using the past tense or the past perfect, whichever is more appropriate. Then read the sentences aloud.

I felt better as soon as I had had something to eat.
(feel) (have)

Maria had lived here less than a year when she met Peter.
(live) (meet)

- As soon as we _____ enough money, we _____ some new furniture.
(save) (buy)
- I _____ a vacation because I _____ very hard.
(need) (work)
- Nick _____ how to repair cars by the time he _____ fifteen.
(learn) (be)
- He _____ a mechanic for 10 years when he _____ his garage.
(be) (open)
- Albert _____ to Linda's party as soon as he _____ his homework.
(go) (finish)
- He _____ to take a taxi because he _____ the last bus.
(have) (miss)
- Many of the guests _____ by the time Albert _____ at the party.
(leave) (arrive)
- Linda _____ upset because Albert _____ so late.
(be) (come)

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It was five o'clock in the afternoon. Barney had just had his hair cut at Clancy's Barber Shop and was having his shoes shined when Fred came running up to him. Fred was out of breath and looked worried. He had spent the whole day looking for Marty and he thought Barney could help him find the boy. Marty's mother had tried to make him go to the dentist to have his teeth checked. But Marty was scared and didn't want to go. Now he had disappeared and Fred thought Marty had run away from home.

Barney told Fred that he was going to Nick's Garage to have his car washed and get his tank filled up with gas. Lots of kids from the neighborhood went there because Nick let them play in the old wrecked cars behind the garage. It was possible that one of them had seen Marty or knew where he was. Barney offered to give Fred a ride to the garage in his taxi.

When the two men arrived at Nick's, they found Marty playing with some other boys. Fred convinced Marty that he had to be brave and go to the dentist "like a man." Marty finally agreed, but only if Fred would go there with him to give him courage. Fred smiled and put his arm around Marty. They got in Barney's taxi and went to the dentist together.

1. Where did Barney have his hair cut?
2. What was he doing when Fred came running up to him?
3. Who had Fred been looking for all day?
4. Why couldn't Marty's mother get him to go to the dentist?
5. Where did Fred and Barney find Marty?
6. How did Fred get Marty to go to the dentist?

HAVE SOMETHING DONE

Barney had his hair cut.

_____ shoes shined.

_____ car washed.

_____ tank filled up.

WRITTEN EXERCISE • Complete the sentences with the past participle of the appropriate verb. Compare with a partner.


Barney had his hair cut.

Nancy had her clothes laundered.

1. The Bascombs had their kitchen _____ yellow.
2. Their gate was broken, so they had it _____.
3. Peter had twelve roses _____ to his girlfriend.
4. I like Peter's new suit. He had it _____ in New York.
5. Maria went to the bank to have a check _____.
6. She spent twenty dollars to have her picture _____.

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cut
deliver
launder
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paint
repair
take

CONVERSATION

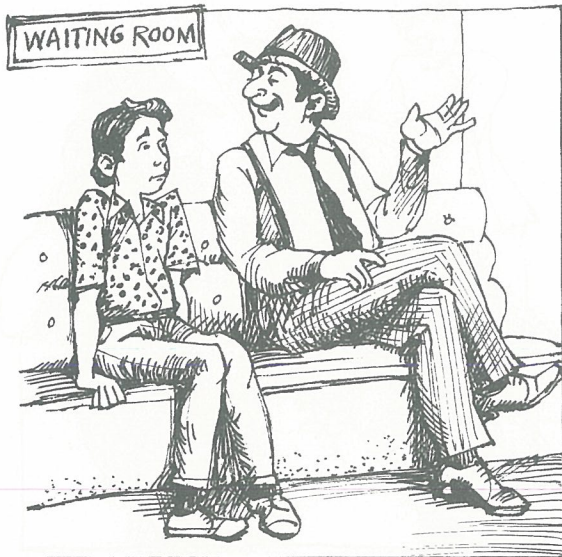
 Listen and practice.

MARTY: Gee, Fred, I'm scared! I wish you hadn't made me come.

FRED: Nonsense, Marty. There's nothing to be afraid of. We all have to have our teeth checked once in a while. Why, it's no more frightening than having your eyes examined.

MARTY: Don't you ever get scared, Fred?

FRED: There are a lot of things that scare me, Marty. But there's nothing in the world that can make me run.



DR. MOLAR: Well, well. So we're going to have our teeth checked, are we?

MARTY: I don't want to have anything done. All I want to do is go home. Please, Fred, don't make me stay.

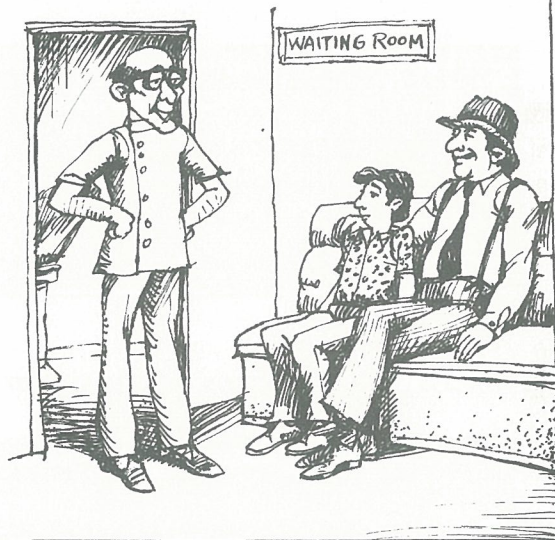
FRED: Now, Marty, I told you there was nothing to worry about. Why once, when I was in the army, I had to get a tooth pulled without any painkiller.

MARTY: Yeah, Fred, but you're brave!

DR. MOLAR: I have an idea, Mr. Farmer. Why don't you sit in the chair and let me check your teeth? That will make the boy feel more confident. Who knows, I might even find a cavity that needs filling.

MARTY: That's a great idea, Fred. I won't be afraid if I see you go first.

FRED: Well, that is . . . I'm not sure . . .





DR. MOLAR: Sit down over here, Mr. Farmer. This will only take a minute.

FRED: Oh . . . I just remembered an urgent appointment. Would you mind letting us come back tomorrow? I've really got to run now.

VERB + OBJECT + INFINITIVE (without "TO")

They made him go to the dentist.

_____ have his teeth checked.

_____ do his homework.

_____ clean his room.

PAIR WORK • Have conversations similar to the examples.

A: Did Marty want to go to the dentist?

B: No, Fred made him go to the dentist.

A: Did Jenny want to wash the dishes?

B: No, her father made her wash the dishes.

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| 1. A: Did Tino want to paint the living room? | B: No, Barbara _____. |
| 2. A: Did he want to buy a new coffee table? | B: No, she _____. |
| 3. A: Did Anne want to work on Saturday? | B: No, Mr. Bascomb _____. |
| 4. A: Did she want to clean the office? | B: No, he _____. |
| 5. A: Did Marty want to do his homework? | B: No, his mother _____. |
| 6. A: Did he want to put away his comic books? | B: No, she _____. |
| 7. A: Did Jenny want to turn off the TV? | B: No, her parents _____. |
| 8. A: Did she want to go to bed? | B: No, they _____. |
| 9. A: Did Fred want to look for a job? | B: No, his sister _____. |
| 10. A: Did he want to wear a suit and tie? | B: No, she _____. |