

# Russian National exam

Quicker ways to cope with grammar task .

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# Some simple rules:

- 1. Scan through the text to catch its main idea.
- 2. Find out the main grammar tense the events are described in.
- 3. Find out if there are some sentences in direct speech.
- 4. Don't forget about the "ladder" of tenses
  - Present simple
  - Present perfect (has happened before the present moment)
  - Past simple (no connection with the action in the present)
  - Past perfect (had happened before the past moment)

# Active Voice

Past

Present

Future

- Simple

- V<sub>2</sub>

V<sub>1</sub>(s)

will+V<sub>1</sub>

- Continuous

- To be( was, were, am, is,are,will be) +Ving

- Perfect

- To have (had, have ,has, will have) +V<sub>3</sub>

- Perfect Continuous

- To have (had, have ,has, will have) been +Ving

# Common mistakes

- Past simple or present perfect?
- The Chinese (invent) printing.
- ---you (read) any of Shakespeare's plays?
- How many plays --- Shakespeare (write)?
- What do you think of my English? Do you think I----- (improve) it?
- My grandfather--- (die) 30 years ago. I (never/meet) him.
- I don't know her husband. I (never/meet) him.

# Passive voice

Past

Present

Future

- Simple

- To be (was, were, am, is, are, will be) + V<sub>3</sub>

- Continuous

- To be (was, were, am, is, are) + being + V<sub>3</sub>

- Perfect

- To have (had, have, has, will have) + been + V<sub>3</sub>

# Active or passive?

- While I was on holiday, my camera----(steal) from my hotel room.
- While I was on holiday, my camera ---- (disappear) from my hotel room.
- I saw an accident last night. Somebody --- (call) an ambulance but nobody----(injure) so the ambulance---(not/need).
- Where ----these photos (take)?
- ----you (take) them?

# Identification of the right form of the verb.

- 1. tense
- 2. active or passive
- 3. tense group
- 4. present or past participle
- 5. gerund or infinitive

- Last year I decided (explore) the house near our village. My little brother refused to come because he (frighten) but my friend said he didn't mind (go) with me. When we (reach) the top it was so dark that I (not/can) see anything. Suddenly I heard something very strange that made my hair (stand) on end. At first I thought it was my friend who (pretend) to be a ghost. Then he (appear) behind me. We (scare). We thought we'd better (leave) the house quickly. When I told my parents what (happen) they made me (promise) not (go) there again.



# Adjectives and adverbs.

- degrees of comparison

1. She seemed to enjoy making life-----

- (difficult) for him than it was already.

2. There was a -----(grow) staff of doctors and nurses.

3. He says that he finds the -----(great) pleasure in solving these problems.

4. He was born in Alsace, which was part of Germany and -----(late) part of France.

# Noun

- 1. Singular or plural
- 2. Possessive case

1. It was March and Mr. Utterson -----(sit)

- by the fire, when he was surprised to receive a visit from the -----( doctor) servant.

2. His extraordinary candor in some royal portraits has few -----(parallel) in art.

# Pronouns

- Personal, possessive, reflexive, demonstrative, objects
- They are not used to doing things -----(self).
- The main idea of it was bad customer service, customers suffer putting furniture together. All-----(-this) complains looked ridiculous to us.
- No one wanted to support -----(they)

# Numerals

- 1. cardinal or ordinal
- Einstein and his -----(two) wife moved to the USA.

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