

Tips from the teachers

Excited or exciting?

Remember to use the "-ed" form of the adjective to describe how people are affected and the "-ing" form to describe the thing that affects them.

The fans were very excited.

The football match was very exciting.

Put Off

The phrasal verb "to put off" means "to postpone". "Put off" is a separable phrasal verb.

He put the meeting off until tomorrow.

Can I put that off until next week?

Past Perfect - Had Done

Use the past perfect - had + participle - to express an action finished before another action in the past.

I thought I had met him before.

When I arrived at the party, my friend had already left.

How do you do?

Use the question "How do you do?" when meeting a person for the first time. Use "How are you?" after that.

How do you do? - It's a pleasure to meet you.

How are you today mate? - I'm fine.

Had to

Past obligation is always "had to". There is no past tense of "must".

I had to leave the meeting early to catch my train.

They had to invest over 5 million dollars in updates.



"Rotorua trip"



"Waiheke Island trip"



From the Principal's Desk

May is a big month for FIS as this is the month we participate in Artsnake. On Monday 19 May we will spend the morning putting up art work by primary school students from Parnell and Newmarket. The posters are displayed in shop windows so you have to talk to the shopkeepers in English. Here is what some of the students who participated in Artsnake last year said about it:

- It was a good idea and it gave me courage.
- It was good practice speaking English and an interesting experience for me.
- It was a lovely day!
- If we want to make a good world, we have to help friends, family, neighbours...everybody!
- Taking part in this activity gave me a good chance to practise speaking English and to make good relationships with my schoolmates.
- Thank you to everyone who gave us this experience. I really enjoyed myself and after this practice my English, especially my speaking has really improved. Most importantly, I learned how to team up with people.
- I learned lots of things that you can't learn in a school.
- Events like this are a fun way to learn.
- After Artsnake I've had more confidence speaking English.

On 3 June we take the posters down and later we are all invited to a special afternoon tea where we get certificates. Artsnake is a great experience for everyone involved and I'm really looking forward to it.

Regards,
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