

SCENE 44 • GRAMMAR

Ik zat, jij sliep

Background and what happened

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

The festival

Dutch

Read & listen online 

Background and what happened

Use simple past for background states and familiar repeated activities. In addition to **was/waren** and **had/hadden**, learn **zitten** → **zat/zaten**, **slapen** → **sliep/sliepen**, **zien** → **zag/zagen**, **horen** → **hoorde/hoorden**. Singular persons share one form; plural persons share another. **Spelen** → **speelde/speelden** has **-de**; **werken** → **werkte/werkten** has **-te**.

Use a perfect for a completed action: **ik heb mijn ogen dichtgedaan, mama heeft foto's gemaakt**. Early childhood phrases are now part of this pattern. **Toen** means when in past narration and puts the verb last in its clause: **toen hij tien was**.

Form	Example	Meaning
zat	Ik zat op de bank.	I was sitting on the bench.
zaten	Wij zaten op de bank.	We were sitting on the bench.
sliep	Jij sliep tijdens het concert.	You were asleep during the concert.
sliepen	Zij sliepen thuis.	They were asleep at home.
speelde	Hij speelde trompet.	He was playing the trumpet.
speelden	Wij speelden muziek.	We were playing music.

Form	Example	Meaning
dichtgedaan	Ik heb mijn ogen dichtgedaan.	I closed my eyes.
gemaakt	Mama heeft foto's gemaakt.	Mum took photos.

Ik zat op de bank.

I was sitting on the bench.

Wij zaten op de bank.

We were sitting on the bench.

Jij sliep tijdens het concert.

You were asleep during the concert.

Zij sliepen thuis.

They were asleep at home.

Hij speelde trompet.

He was playing the trumpet.

Wij speelden muziek.

We were playing music.

Ik heb mijn ogen dichtgedaan.

I closed my eyes.

Mama heeft foto's gemaakt.

Mum took photos.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Ik zat op de bank.

Meaning: I was sitting on the bench.

- 2 Wij zaten op de bank.

Meaning: We were sitting on the bench.

- 3 Jij sliep tijdens het concert.

Meaning: You were asleep during the concert.

- 4 Zij sliepen thuis.

Meaning: They were asleep at home.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Ik _____ op de bank.

- ☐ A zaten
- ☐ B zitten
- ☐ C zat

Meaning: I was sitting on the bench.

2 Wij _____ op de bank.

- ☐ A zit
- ☐ B zaten
- ☐ C zat

Meaning: We were sitting on the bench.

3 Jij _____ tijdens het concert.

- ☐ A sliepen
- ☐ B slapen
- ☐ C sliep

Meaning: You were asleep during the concert.

4 Zij _____ thuis.

- ☐ A sliep
- ☐ B sliepen
- ☐ C slaapt

Meaning: They were asleep at home.

5 Hij _____ trompet.

- ☐ A speelden
- ☐ B speelde
- ☐ C spelen

Meaning: He was playing the trumpet.

6 Wij _____ muziek.

- ☐ A speelden
- ☐ B speelde
- ☐ C speelt

Meaning: We were playing music.

7 Ik heb mijn ogen _____.

- ☐ A dichtdoen
- ☐ B dichtgedaan
- ☐ C dichtgedoet

Meaning: I closed my eyes.

8 Mama heeft foto's _____.

- ☐ A gemaakt
- ☐ B gemaakt
- ☐ C maken

Meaning: Mum took photos.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

sliep sliepen

Jij _____ tijdens het concert.

Meaning: You were asleep during the concert.

sliepen sliep

Zij _____ thuis.

Meaning: They were asleep at home.

speelde speelden

Hij _____ trompet.

Meaning: He was playing the trumpet.

speelden speelde

Wij _____ muziek.

Meaning: We were playing music.

dichtgedaan dichtgedoet

Ik heb mijn ogen _____.

Meaning: I closed my eyes.

gemaakt gemaakt

Mama heeft foto's _____.

Meaning: Mum took photos.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 bank. zat Ik op de

Meaning: I was sitting on the bench.

2 Wij zaten op de bank.

Meaning: We were sitting on the bench.

3 het Jij tijdens concert. sliep

Meaning: You were asleep during the concert.

4 Zij thuis. sliepen

Meaning: They were asleep at home.

5 speelde Hij trompet.

Meaning: He was playing the trumpet.

- 6 muziek. Wij speelden

Meaning: We were playing music.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I was sitting on the bench. You say:

- ☐ A Ik zat op de bank.
- ☐ B Ik zaten op de bank.

2 We were sitting on the bench. You say:

- ☐ A Wij zaten op de bank.
- ☐ B Wij zat op de bank.

3 You were asleep during the concert. You say:

- ☐ A Jij sliepen tijdens het concert.
- ☐ B Jij sliep tijdens het concert.

4 They were asleep at home. You say:

- (A) Zij sliepen thuis.
- (B) Zij sliep thuis.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Ik heb mijn ogen dichtgedaan. | (A) Mum took photos. |
| (2) Jij sliep tijdens het concert. | (B) I was sitting on the bench. |
| (3) Zij sliepen thuis. | (C) He was playing the trumpet. |
| (4) Wij speelden muziek. | (D) You were asleep during the concert. |
| (5) Hij speelde trompet. | (E) I closed my eyes. |
| (6) Wij zaten op de bank. | (F) They were asleep at home. |

- 7 Ik zat op de bank. G We were playing music.
- 8 Mama heeft foto's gemaakt. H We were sitting on the bench.