

6 Worksheet on Grammar: Tenses

Text: "My Son The Fanatic", from: Michael Mitchell, *Ethnic Diversity in the UK*, Viewfinder Topics (München: Langenscheidt, 2010), pp. 42 ff.

A TASKS

1) Here's a summary of the text in your book on pp. 42f. Choose the correct tenses (some forms might be passive forms!).

Parvez _____ (decide) to talk to his son. So he _____ (invite) him to go out for dinner one night. To judge by what Parvez tells Bettina afterwards, this evening seems to _____ (be) a complete disaster.

Right at the beginning Parvez _____ (serve) an alcoholic drink, which Parvez accepts whereas Ali _____ (take) the opportunity to tell his father that having a drink is against their religion.

Before Parvez _____ (manage) to ask his son about his studies, Ali turns to the topic of Islam: one day the other religions _____ (defeat) and the law of Islam _____ (rule) the world. Ali adds that he _____ (be) part of the jihad, even if it _____ (mean) giving his own life.

Ali advises his father to start praying beside him in order to save his life. Parvez wants to know what _____ (make) Ali change his mind and way of life. It then _____ (appear) that although both of them _____ (live) in the same country for many years, they _____ (reach) completely different conclusions about it.

2) This is an excerpt from the text in your book. Write down the correct verb forms. Check the text in your book for the answers (pp. 42 f.)

Each time Parvez _____ (take) a drink, the boy winced, or made some kind of fastidious face. This _____ (make) Parvez _____ (drink) more quickly. The waiter, wanting to please his friend, brought another glass of whisky. Parvez knew he _____ (get) drunk, but he _____ (can/ stop) himself. Ali had a horrible look, full of disgust and censure. It was as if he _____ (hate) his father.

Halfway through the meal, Parvez suddenly _____ (lose) his temper and threw a plate on the floor. He felt like _____ (rip) the cloth from the table, but the waiters and other customers _____ (stare) at him. Yet he _____ (not stand) for his own son's telling him the difference between right and wrong. He knew he _____ (not be) a bad man. He had a conscience. There were a few things of which he _____ (to be ashamed), but on the whole he _____ (live) a decent life.

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