Questionnaire

Section 1 - Respondent Profile

1. Sex
   Male □   Female □

2. Ethnic Group
   Malay □   Other (please specify) □

3. What was the medium of interaction in your primary school?
   Bahasa Melayu □   Other (please specify) □

4. What was your score in the final school examination?
   80 - 100 □   Below 49 □
   79 - 50 □

5. What languages do you speak at home?
   Bahasa Melayu □
   English □
   Other (please specify) □

6. Where do you stay?
   Town □   Other (please specify) □
   Village □

7. How far is your house from the school?
   Less than 1 km □   More than 10 km □
   1 to 3 km □
   4-10 km □
8. What is your father's occupation
   - Hawker
   - Factory worker
   - Businessmen
   - Clerks
   - Other (please specify)

9. What is your parents approximate monthly income
   - RM500 - RM1000
   - RM1001 - RM1500
   - RM1500-RM2000
   - RM2001 and above

Section 2-Language Ability
Please tick (/) the appropriate answer

10. Which of these English activities are held in your school?
    - Debate
    - Speech
    - Quiz
    - Story-telling competition
    - Story writing competition
    - Poem Reciting Competition
    - English Week

11. Have you ever taken part in any of these activities?
    - Debate
    - Speech
    - Quiz
    - Story telling competition
    - Story writing competition
    - Poem Reciting Competition
    - English Week

12. What language does your English teacher use when she teaches?
    - English only
    - English and Bahasa Melayu

13. What language do you use when speaking to your English teacher?
    - English Only
    - English and Bahasa Melayu
    - Bahasa Melayu
14. What language do you use when speaking to your Malay friends?
   - English only
   - English and Bahasa Melayu
   - Bahasa Melayu only

15. What language do you use when speaking to your non-Malay friends?
   - English only
   - English and Bahasa Melayu
   - Bahasa Melayu only
   - Other (please specify)

16. Do you take any private tuition in English?
   - Yes
   - No

17. If yes, how many hours per week?

18. Do you have any English reading materials in your home?
   - Yes
   - No

19. If the answer is yes, what are the reading materials you have?
   - Newspapers
   - Magazines
   - Cartoons / Comics
   - Novels, short stories
   - Other (please specify)

20. How many English story books do you read in a month?

21. Does your school library have an English section?
   - Yes
   - No

22. If yes, have you ever borrowed any materials from this section?
   - Yes
   - No
23. Do you listen to English songs?
   Often [ ]
   Sometimes [ ]
   Seldom [ ]
   Not at all [ ]

24. Do you watch English sitcoms, movies or the news?
   Often [ ]
   Sometimes [ ]
   Seldom [ ]
   Not at all [ ]

25. Do you think that speaking in English alienates you from your friends?
   Yes [ ] No [ ]
APPENDIX B

Interview

1. Do you know that there is an error in the sentences that you have constructed?

2. If yes, where is the error?

3. I will now explain why the sentences are erroneous. (Teacher explains to student).

4. Why did you make the error?
   a. I translated from Malay into English
   b. I don't understand how the tense system works in English.
   c. I don't know why I made the error
   d. Others (please explain)

5. Which tense do you find more difficult – simple present tense, simple past tense, present progressive tense or past progressive tense?


7. Do you know that the verb forms are different in the simple present tense, simple past tense, present progressive tense and past progressive tense?

8. How are the verb forms different?

9. What is your area of difficulty in the simple present tense?

10. What is your area of difficulty in the simple past tense?

11. What is your area of difficulty in the present progressive tense?

12. What is your area of difficulty in the past progressive tense?
APPENDIX C

Essay Writing Task

Write an essay in about 150 words on 'My Daily Routine'.
APPENDIX D

Write an essay in about 150 words on 'What I did during the last holidays'.
# APPENDIX E

Respondents Profile

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# APPENDIX F

Teachers' Responses to the Teaching of Tenses

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"Oh, so beautiful island! I still remember the beautiful scenery.

On my last holiday, I went to Pulau Langkawi with my family. We took one hour to reach at the Ivory Island. After that, we checked in at Pulau Langkawi about five days.

On the first day, we went to the Underwater World. We could find many types of fish and other sea living.

On the next day, my family and I went to shopping centre. There were a lot of people. My mother and my sister bought many kinds of stuff at the shopping centre. After that, we went to history places like a museum's grave and grave square. My mother also bought some souvenirs for our friends and cousin and also to our friend.

On the other day, we went for single tracking in a single track. We went to fishing and boating in the sea. I caught many types of fish at the sea and went.

Another island around the Pulau Langkawi.

Last day, we prepared our stuff and went back home. In the evening, this is a unforgettable holiday. I feel so happy.
What I did during the last holidays.

Last holidays my family and I went to Pulau Redang. We boarded to Pulau Redang by a ferry in the morning. We felt so excited because we have never come to Pulau Redang before. In Pulau Redang, we saw the beauty crystal clear blue water with white sand. We started our trip, gone to the hotel, my family stayed at Pulau Redang Marina hotel Inn. It's so beautiful hotel here.

In the afternoon my family and I went to swimming. Pulau Redang beach, we felt so busier in this area. Suddenly my other gave me a sea shell its so beautiful sea shell I ever hold, in the afternoon we went Camping at Redang Marina camping. While In here we studied about forest forest and jungles its a huge area here, but felt scare at this jungles.

After that my father told us that we went to boating. Pulau Redang boating, we felt so happy because I never boating before. Boating its so interesting but its so tired too. Then we returned back to the hotel. I saw that my family was very tired. We returned home. We slept together. The next day after breakfast, we bought some souvenir to take at home. It's so the best holidays I ever had.
During the last weekend, I went to Bukit Mewah Lake. On Saturday, I went to the park with my family for two hours. We arrived at 10:00 am and returned at 1 pm. After arriving, we went to the room. After taking the all things from car to the room we went to the store. After lunch we felt so tired and all went to bed.

In the evening, at about 8:30 pm, I went with my family to the pool and we stayed all night. At 8:00 pm, we all went for dinner in the hotel. At about 10:00 pm, we went to the room and rested.

On the second morning, after we took a break, we went to the water park. In the water park, we went with many water games such as boating, coasting, and water slide. In the water park, we went in the room at about 1:00 pm. After that, we went to the zoo. After the zoo, we went to the home. We arrived at home at 8:30 pm. We felt so tired, but we were all so happy.
During last holiday, I went to Pulau Langkawi with my family. When we arrived, we by a ferry. We went some interesting places.

The first place we visited is monument of eagle. I took a lot of pictures there. I and my family had a lot of fun there. We visited many interesting places.

After that, I invited my family to have beach party. We walked at seaside which white sandy beach. While we swimming in cool clear water, my brother made sandcastle. We felt so hungry. My father invited us to go to the restaurant. I didn't choose what food I wanted, because there were so many food.

Lastly, we went to gift shop. So many souvenirs in there. I don't know what souvenir I bought for my memory. After we buy the souvenirs, we return home from Pulau Langkawi. I hope we can go again to Pulau Langkawi.
During the last holidays, I and my family visited Pulau Langkawi. We leave at 6:00 o'clock. We drove by car. My father took the car. We went to the beach near the sea.

Pulau Langkawi is a beautiful island. There we went to a village. The village is near by jetty. The village is very beautiful and the residents are very kindful and helpful when I'm in trouble.

Then, we also went swimming and boating near the island. After tired swimming and boating, we went to Hotel and Restaurant because we are very hungry and tired. Sun under the sun. Food in the restaurant is very tasty and delicious. Then we went to Mahsun Place. We visited to Mahsun Place because we look grave woman is killed.

At the evening I'm with family went to cover a waterfalls situated. The water is clear and fresh on. After, we go to the Shell & Handicraft Centre. I buy the Shell handicraft for my friend as presents from Pulau Langkawi.

We are very happy then come. I hope I can visit Pulau Langkawi again with my friends.
Every day I woke up early in the morning at 5.30 a.m. After that I took a bath, then I pray. I take my breakfast at 7.00 o'clock and I go to school. I reached school at 7.20 a.m. I go with my sister. My sister is so pretty. I am in form three Maju. Every day we learn many lessons. At 1.10 p.m I returned to the home. When I reach at home I take a bath and then I take my lunch at 1.30 p.m. I sleep in one to two hours every day. Then I went to the evening.

At 5.30 p.m in the evening, I always play with my friends, sometimes I play badminton and sometimes play netball. If I don't play in the evening I do my homework and watching some television.

At night I take my dinner with my family and then I help my mother in the kitchen. When I finish help my mother, I revise the lesson and I sleep at 11.00 p.m in the night. That was my daily routine.
I woke up at 6.15 every day. First, I got my bath.

15 minutes after that, I pray and went to school.

At 6.45 am, I take my breakfast. I just take some

some cake and tea. At 7.00 am, I go to school and

arrive at 7.15 am. I:

I start study work at 7.30 and finished it at 11.00 am.

1.30 pm, I go back home and got my bath and then pray.

3.00 pm, I watch television. At 3.30 pm, I sleep.

At 4.45 pm, then I watch television until

I am (question: auxiliary)

3.00 pm. Sometime mother scold me. I'm not a hot tempered person.

At 5.30 I started to do my homework. At 7.00 pm, I played a little.

After dinner, at 8.30, I start my dinner and then I do

my homework again. At 10.00 pm, I finished my homework. I go

the lecture and then sleep.
My daily routine.

I wake up at 6:00 a.m. Then I take a bath. After I pray. At 6:30 a.m. I take my breakfast.

I go to school at 6:30 a.m. and be present at the school from 7:30 a.m. to 1:05 p.m. Then I go home. I take a bath and my lunch. My sister and I both in same school.

After I take a rest for a while, I go to pray. At 3:00 p.m. I do my homework. After I finish my homework I read and do some notes for Sejarah.

At 4:00 p.m. I watch television. At 4:45 p.m. I pray and then continue watching television.

At 7:30 p.m. I take bath again and then pray. Continue do my notes for my Geography notebook.

At 8:30 p.m. I pray. I read book until 11:00 p.m.

I wake up at 5:45 p.m. That all my daily routine.
My Daily Routine.

My time was very precious, therefore I use my time as good as.

Every day I wake up at about 6:00 am in the morning. After I wake up, I go to the bathroom, then I wear a school uniform, and go to pray.

After finishing praying, I get some breakfast. After that, I go to school. I breakfast at 7:05 am. I reach school about 7:15 am. At 8:05 pm, I leave school. At the home, I study for PMR Examination.

At night, I was tired because I study hard. My mother, I go to help. By 11:00 pm, I am completely tired.
My daily Routine.

Everyone has a daily routine and so do I. Every morning at 6:00 a.m., I wake up and take my bath. After that, I pray and have my breakfast.

At 7:00 a.m., I go to school by bicycle and it takes minutes to arrive. Then I go to classroom and study.

I come home at 1:15 p.m. and take my lunch. Then, I pray and rest for a while. About 4:20 p.m., I wake up and pray, and then watch television.

Then I take my bath and pray. After that, I have my dinner. Then I do my homework until 10:00 p.m. After that, I go to bed.
Every morning I wake up early in the morning at about 5:30 a.m. Then I take a bath. Then I play about 6:00 a.m. Before I go to school I take breakfast. Then I go to school about 6:55 a.m. I study at school from 8:00 a.m. until 1:10 p.m. Then I go home. I do my homework at about 3:00 p.m. with my friends. I study with my mother until 5:30 p.m. I am working hard to pass my PMR. Today is my birthday, so my mother baked a cake for me.

After I finish my homework, I go to mosque to pray. Then I go home about 6:50 p.m. I watch television at about 6:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Then I get bath and then I pray, then I play with my baby sister. My sister is crying loudly because I disturb her. I love her very much although sometimes she is talk loudly. So, I go to work television until 9:00 p.m. Then I go to check my book. After that I sleep at about 10:00 p.m.

This is my daily routine everyday.
Last week I was so bored because it was holidays. So, I went to my grandmother's house. I was walking when I saw an accident. A man was accident with a motorcycle. I was scared to see the accident.

The next day, I asked my mother to go to Malacca to visit my uncle. My mother wanted to ask my father. As I was playing my father came home. My mother was cooking. When father came home, Father agreed.

We visited my uncle in Malacca. My uncle was so kind. He took us shopping. We were shopping when we saw my friend. Zairul came to see A Famosa and other places. I am so happy to see him.

The next day, we ready to go back home. We reached home at 6:00 p.m. This all memory that I never forgotten forever.