APPENDIX A

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 40 □
   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 □
9. What is your father's occupation
   Hawker
   Factory worker
   Businessmen
   Clerks
   Other (please specify) __________________________

9. What is your parents approximate monthly income
   RM500 - RM1000  ________  RM1500 - RM2000  ________
   RM1001 - RM1500  ________  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  ________  Bahasa Melayu  ________
    English and 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  

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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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"On, so beautiful island", I still remember the beautiful scenery. Pulau Langkawi, my family and I went to Pulau Langkawi on my last holiday. I went to Pulau Langkawi with Tony. The flight took one hour to reach at the History Island. After that we checked in at the resort near the beach at Pulau Langkawi. We stayed at Pulau Langkawi about five days. On the first day, we went to understand the island. At the resort 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. We bought many kinds of stuff at the shopping centre. After that we went to history place like a museum's grave and the square. My mother also bought some souvenirs for our ce and cousin and also to our friends. On the other day, we went for jungle trekking in a gin. Then we went to hiking and walking in the sea. We caught many types of fish at the sea and went another island around the Pulau Langkawi. Last day, we prepared our stuff and when went back home. In summary, this is an unforgettable holiday. I feel very happy.

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What I did during the last holiday

Tingkatan
Not during the last holidays.

Last holidays my family and I had went to Pulau Kedong. We boarded to Pulau Kedong by a ferry in the morning. We felt so excited because we never come to Pulau Kedong before. In Pulau Kedong we saw the beauty crystal clear blue water with the white sand. We stayed at our hotel, Pulau Kedong Beach Hotel Inn. It's so beautiful hotel there.

In the afternoon my family and I went to swimming Pulau Kedong beach. We felt so happier in this area. Suddenly my father gave me a sea shell. It's so beautiful sea shell, I've ever held in my life. After that we went camping at Manna Kedang. Camping in there we study about forest, forest and jungles. It's huge place. Just felt scare at this jungles.

After that my father told us that we go to boating Manna Kedang boating. We felt so happy because I never boating before. Boating is so interesting but it's so tires too. After boating we returned back to the hotel. I saw that my family was very tired. The next day after breakfast, I bought some souvenirs to take at home. It's so happy.
During the last weekend, I went to Bukit Moven Lake in Penang with my family for two days. I went there at 10:00 am and arrived at 12:00 pm. After arriving, we took a room. After taking the room, we went to lunch. After lunch, we went to the hotel and all went to rest.

In the evening, we went to the pool and swam until 7:00 pm. We rested at the room until 9:00 pm. At 8:00 pm, we went for dinner in the hotel. At about 10:00 pm, we went to the room and rested.

The next day at 11:00 am, we went to the water park. In the water park, we had many water games such as slides and water slides. We swam until 12:00 pm. We went out from the room at about 1:00 pm. After that, we went home. After that, we visited Ayer Itam.

We arrived in Ayer Itam at 3:30 pm. We returned to the hotel until 12:00 pm. After that, we returned home. We arrived home at about 8:30 pm. We felt so tired but all were happy.
During the last holiday, I went to Pulau Langkawi with my family. When we arrived at Pulau Langkawi, we by a ferry.

We went some places interesting places.
The first place we visited is monument of eagle. I kept so many people visited in there. I and my family had time to take photo for memory.

After that, I invited my family to went beach.

We walked at seaside which white sandy beach. While at there, I saw many visit for bath under the sun. Afterwards, my sister was swimming in cool clear water.

I also having time to make sandy angel castle.

After we swimming, we feel too hungry. My father invited us to went to the restaurant. I didn't have choice what food I wanted because there so many food there.

Lastly, we went to gift shop. So many souvenir in there. I don't know what souvenir I wanted buy for make memory. After we buy the souvenir, we go home from Pulau Langkawi. I hope can go again to Pulau Langkawi.
After a day of swimming and boating, we went to Hotel and Restaurant, which was very clean and fresh. We went to the Shell Handicraft Centre. I bought some handicrafts in my friend and presented them to Pulau Langkawi.

We had a very happy time there. I hope I can visit Pulau Langkawi again with my friends.
Every day I wake up early in the morning at 5.30 a.m. After that I take a bath, then I pray. I take my breakfast at 7.00 o'clock and I go to school. I reach school at 7.30 a.m. I go with my sister. My sister is so pretty. I am in Form Three Maju. Every day I learn many lessons. 

At 1.00 p.m. I return 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 wake up in the evening.

At 5.30 p.m. in the evening, I always play with my friends, sometimes I play badminton and sometimes I play netball. If I don't play in the evening I do 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 helping my mother, I revise the lessons 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 out of bed. Then, I took my bath. After that, I prayed and went to school. At 6:45 am, I took my breakfast. I just took some rice with curry. I drove to the school. At 7:00 am, I went to school. I arrived at school at 7:20 am.

I went to school early at 7:30 am. I entered at 7:40 am. At 11:00 am, I went home. At 12:30 pm, I went back home. Then, I got my bath and then prayed. At 2:00 pm, I worked in the garden. At 8:00 pm, I slept. My mom scolded me at 4:30 pm. Then, I watched television until 8:00 pm. Sometimes, my mom scolded me. I am not a hot-tempered person.

At 5:30 pm, I started to do my homework. At 7:30 pm, I had dinner. And then, I went to the bedroom. At 10:00 pm, I went to bed.
My Daily Routine

I wake up at 6:00 a.m. Then I take a bath. After 6:30 a.m. I take my breakfast.
I go to school at 6:55 a.m. and be present at the school from 7:30 a.m. to 1:05 p.m. When I reach 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. I 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.

Usually, I wake up at about 6:00 am in the morning. After I woke up, I go to bathe. After that I wear a school uniform and go to pray.

Then I finished praying and got some breakfast. After that, I go to school by a bicycle at 7:05 am. I reached school about 7:15 am. At 1:05 pm, I go out from school. At home, I study for PMR examination.

At night, I study for a while because study hard. I helped my mother at the kitchen. After I help my mother, I go to sleep. By 11:00 pm, I am so tired.
My daily Routine.

Everyone has a daily routine and also as I. Evening

Morning at 6:00 a.m., I wake up and take my bath. After that

pray and take my breakfast.

At 7:00 a.m., I go to school by bicycle and it takes

5 minutes to arrive. Then I go to classroom and study.

At 1:10 p.m.

I go home at 1:25 p.m. and take my lunch. Then

pray and rested for a while. About 4:20 p.m. I wake up

and then watch television.

Then I take my bath and pray. After that I

make my dinner. Then I start my homework until

9:00 p.m. After that I go to bed.
Y DAILY ROUTINE

Every morning I wake up early in the morning at about 5.30 a.m. I take a bath then I play about 6.00 a.m. Before I go to school I take my breakfast. Then

After that I go to school about 6.55 a.m. I study at school from 8.00 a.m. until 11.00 a.m. Then I go home and I get back at about 2.00 p.m. After that I do my homework at about 3.00 p.m. with my friends. I study with my friends until 5.30 p.m. I am work hard to pass my PMR. Today is my birthday, so my mother baked a cake for me.

After I and my friends finish study we go to mosque to pray. Then I back home about 7.00 p.m. I watch television at about 7.30 p.m. until 9.00 p.m. Then I go to get bath and then I pray. Then I play with my baby sister. My crying sister is very lovely because I disturb her. I love her very much although sometimes she is talk loudly. About 9.30 p.m. I watch 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 was so happy to see him.

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