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Question Tags	
Science **is** exciting, **isn't** it?	Yes, it **is**.
You **study** science in English, **don't** you?	No, I **don't**.
Marie Curie **was** a great scientist, **wasn't** she?	Yes, she **was**.
Marie Curie and her husband **were** English, **weren't** they?	No, they **weren't**.
She **married** in France, **didn't** she?	Yes, she **did**.
Chemistry **isn't** easy, **is** it?	No, it **isn't**.
You **don't** like it, **do** you?	No, I **don't**.
Marie Curie's husband **wasn't** a scientist, **was he**?	Yes he **was**.
Marie Curie **didn't** win the Nobel Prize, **did she**?	Yes, she **did**.

Activity 1

- Complete the following sentences with the correct question tag :

1. You like science, _____?
2. Albert Einstein wasn't an astronaut, _____?
3. Marie Curie won the Nobel Prize, _____?
4. That was in 1903, _____?
5. At that time people didn't have computers, _____?

6. The Russians weren't the first to walk on the moon, _____?
7. Physics and mathematics are difficult, _____?
8. Computer science is more interesting, _____?

1-2/ Inventions

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Past continuous vs Simple past
When I *was surfing* the internet last night, I *found* an interesting article on modern inventions. While the scientist *was working* in his laboratory, he *made* an important discovery. The children *were playing* video games on their computer when the lights *went* out. **A:** What *were you doing* at 9:00 last night? **B:** I *was talking* on the phone.

Activity 1

- Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense :

We had a very unlucky day yesterday :

- When my mother (do) _____ the laundry, the washing machine suddenly (stop) _____ .

- I (buy) _____ some CDs at the department store when someone (steal) _____ my wallet.

- My father (work) _____ on his computer when the memory (go) _____ out.

- While my elder brother (take) _____ some pictures, he (drop) _____ his new digital camera.

- My younger sister (watch) _____ TV when the electricity (go) _____ out.

- My younger brother (have) _____ a bad accident while he (drive) _____ and (talk) _____ on his cell phone.

- When my elder sister (vacuum) _____ she (have) _____ a bad electric shock.

1-3/ New Technologies

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Reflexive pronouns	
I	myself
you	yourself
he	himself
she	herself
it	itself
we	ourselves
you	yourselves
they	themselves

Alan usually fixes his computer by *himself*.
My sister connected her new VCR *herself*. Nobody helped her.
I can load my camera *myself*. It's very easy.

Activity 1

- Fill in the blanks with the appropriate reflexive pronoun :

1. Albert Einstein taught _____ Euclidian geometry when he was 12 years old.

2. Before the invention of TV people occupied _____ with reading books.

3. Alice burned _____ when she was using her microwave.

4. You can install the program _____ , Jim. Just follow the instructions on the screen.

5. I am saving money because I want to buy _____ a computer.

6. You don't need to remove the CD. The CD player stops by _____ .

7. Jane : Mum, Betty and I have a school project. Can you help us do it?
Mother : You have to do it _____ . Use the Internet for information.
Jane : OK, Mum. We'll try and do it _____ .

II- Practice

2-1/ Exercise 1

- Complete the sentences as in the example :

1. You are studying for the test, *aren't you* ?
2. Your father teaches science, _____?
3. You don't have a computer, _____?
4. Science is easier than mathematics, _____?
5. Jane bought a new cell phone last week, _____?
6. You can't use a computer, _____?
7. Your brother will study chemistry at the university, _____?
8. Marie Curie was a great scientist, _____?
9. You can store an encyclopedia in a CD-ROM, _____?
10. Your CD player is new, _____?
11. Chemistry isn't as difficult as physics, _____?
12. You didn't use this fax machine, _____?
13. Your sister will not buy a new digital camera, _____?
14. Alice has to fax these documents, _____?
15. John didn't send us an e-mail, _____?
16. Satellites are used to transmit telephone calls, _____?
17. It's easy to use a fax machine, _____?
18. Many inventions were accidental, _____?
19. Your brother doesn't like video games, _____?
20. Video games aren't a new invention, _____?

2-2/ Exercise 2

- Circle the correct verbs in brackets :

1. While I (worked / was working) on my computer last night, it (stopped / was stopping).
2. My sister (did / was doing) her homework when the electricity (went / was going) out.

3. Somebody (was stealing / stole) my bicycle when I (shopped / was shopping).

4. My brother (dropped / was dropping) his new camera while he (took / was taking) photos.

5. When I (was driving / drove) to Fes, I (was having / had) a flat tire.

6. My son (broke / was breaking) his leg while he (played / was playing) football.

7. When my father (worked / was working), he (was receiving / received) an urgent message.

8. My neighbours (ate / were eating) dinner when someone (broke / was breaking) into their house and (was stealing / stole) all their jewels.

9. I (walked / was walking) out of the school when I (met / was meeting) my ex-teacher.

10. While I (jog / was jogging) in the park, I (found / was finding) 200 dirhams.

2-3/ Exercise 3

- Choose the correct word in brackets and circle it :

1. I cut (himself / myself) when I was fixing the computer.

2. My wife burned (himself / herself) while she was cooking last night.

3. While my children were playing football this morning, they fell and hurt (themselves / ourselves)

4. My neighbour has a serious heart disease because he didn't take care of (himself / yourself) when he was younger.

5. Please, do (myself / yourself) a favour! Stop smoking.

6. You don't need to help us. We can fix our computer (myself / ourselves).

2-4/ Exercise 4

- Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense :

Yesterday, while I (sit) _____ in a cafe at the corner of Sebou Street and Maamora Street, I (see) _____ an accident. A young woman in a Mercedes (drive) _____ down Sebou Street very fast. While she (drive) _____ , her cell phone (ring) _____

She (try) _____ to reach for the phone when it (fall) _____ and (roll) _____ under the brake pedal. At the same time, a woman in a new Toyota (come) _____ along Maamora Street. She (not stop) _____ at the red light because she (talk) _____ on her cell phone.

The young woman in the Mercedes (can / not) _____ stop the car and (crash) _____ into the Toyota. The two women (get) _____ off the cars and (begin) _____ arguing. While they (shout) _____ at each other, the police (come) _____. Both cars (be) _____ badly damaged, but luckily, nobody (be) _____ hurt.