

Chess

It wasn't hard to beat Josh at chess. He'd only been playing for a few weeks, so I knew that I could beat him easily, but I also had to try to teach him how to play properly. There was no point thrashing him every week; he'd never learn anything that way.

In a way, I guess I felt sorry for him. Neither of us had too many friends. Since we'd moved to high school and all the other boys had gone off trying to be cool to impress the bigger kids, we'd just stuck to each other and carried on doing the things we liked to do. Playing chess every Thursday lunchtime was one of those things.

Then, last Thursday, it happened. "Checkmate!" he yelled, nearly toppling the board in his excitement. I looked hard to find a mistake, but he was right. I must be a great teacher!

FOCUS ON - WORD

1 Tick the two compound words.

- checkmate
- lunchtime
- excitement
- mistake

2 Write three other words that are in the same word family as impress by adding prefixes and suffixes.

3 Complete the table below.

present tense verbs	past tense verbs
teach	
	felt
	beat

FOCUS ON - SENTENCE

1 Identify the adverbs of manner.

Tick one box in each row.

sentence	adverb of manner	not an adverb of manner
I knew I could beat him <u>easily</u> , but I also had to try to teach him how to play properly.		
I knew I could beat him easily, but I <u>also</u> had to try to teach him how to play properly.		
I knew I could beat him easily, but I also had to try to teach him how to play <u>properly</u> .		

2 Identify the subordinating conjunction.

Tick **one**.

Since we'd moved to high school, we'd stuck to each other and carried on doing the things we liked to do.

- Since
- each
- and
- to

3 What type of clause has been underlined?

"Checkmate!" he yelled.

CHALLENGE

4 Underlined the modal verb in the sentence below.

I must be a great teacher!



FOCUS ON - TEXT

1 Identify the different verb forms.

Draw a line to match the boxes.

We'd <u>moved</u> to high school.
Then, last Thursday, it <u>happened</u> .
We <u>were carrying on</u> doing the things we liked to do.

past progressive
past perfect
past

2 Identify the underlined pronouns.

Write a letter in each box.

I guess I felt sorry for him as neither of us had too many friends.

A = 1st person singular

B = 1st person plural

C = 3rd person singular

CHALLENGE

3 Complete the sentence below by inserting the correct adverbial.

Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

_____ I knew I could beat him easily, I still had to try to teach him how to play properly.

despite the fact

as a result

rather than

due to

FOCUS ON - PUNCTUATION

1 Write the uncontracted form for the underlined words in the table below.

uncontracted form	contracted form
	It <u>wasn't</u> hard to beat Josh
	<u>He'd</u> only been playing for a few
	<u>He'd</u> never learn anything that way.

2 What type of sentence is written below?

Tick **one**.

I must be a great teacher!

- statement
- order
- question
- exclamation

3 Name the punctuation marks indicated by the arrows.

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"Checkmate!" he yelled.

Answers - Chess

WORD

- 1st option – checkmate
2nd option – lunchtime
- E.g. impresses, impressed, impressing, impressive, impressively, impression, impressions, impressionable, impressionist, impressionists, impressiveness, impressionism
- teach – taught
feel – felt
beat – beat

SENTENCE

- adverb of manner = easily, properly
not an adverb of manner = also
- 1st option – Since
- reporting clause

CHALLENGE QUESTION:

I must be a great teacher!

TEXT

- past perfect – We'd (had) moved to high school.
past – Then, last Thursday, it happened.
past progressive – We were carrying on doing the things we liked to do.
- A = I (1st person singular)
B = us (1st person plural)
C = him (3rd person singular)

CHALLENGE QUESTION:

Despite the fact I knew I could beat him easily, I still had to try to teach him how to play properly.

PUNCTUATION

- was not = wasn't (It wasn't hard to beat Josh)
he had = he'd (He'd only been playing for a few weeks.)
he would = he'd (He'd never learn anything that way.)
- 4th option – exclamation
- inverted commas