**Urdu Study Guide 32**

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**Materials for this Study Guide**

*Beginning Urdu: A Complete Course*

Unit V: Chapter 23: Describing One’s Childhood: The Past Habitual Verb Tense

*Language Learning Strategies and Tools* on LangMedia (<http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/strategies>)

**Assignments for Independent Study**

*Beginning Urdu: A Complete Course (BU)*

Chapter 23: The Past Habitual Verb Tense

* Step 1: Read the section The Past Habitual Verb Tense. What is the use of this tense? How is it formed? Do not write down your questions to discuss them with your conversation partner.
* Step 2: Read the section Additional Points. What is the Urdu equivalent for ‘used to’ structure in English? What is the difference between ‘habitual tense’ in the past and ‘used to?’ to understand this, you may need to do some research about usages of these two in English. Also, you should always remember not any two languages use tenses completely the same; if in this book and others English tenses are used to show some similarity, at the end you should understand each language grammar in terms of that language an going beyond comparison with your native tongue.
* Step 3: Study the words included in Vocabulary 1 and make flashcards for them. Try to use each new word in sentence while you are studying them. Spend more time to memorize verbs, conjunctions, and adverbs.
* Step 4: Review the notes at the end of Vocabulary 1.
* Step 5: Read the sentences in Exercise 1 aloud; translate the sentences into English.
* Step 6: Read the passage in Exercise 3. Make some questions for the passage. In order to write questions, you can either ask about the subject of a sentence, the object, the time, the place, or general questions about what has happened in the passage.
* Step 7: Complete Exercise 4 by listening to *Ahmad* and *Balal*.
* Step 8: To prepare for your conversation session complete Exercise 5 by writing down a dialogue between you and a friend of yours. In this dialogue, you and your friend(s) asking each other the questions that are mentioned in Exercise 5.

**Conversation Session Preparation**

* Be prepared to be shown images that correspond to words in Vocabulary 1 in The Past Habitual Verb Tense. You will be asked to say the word or verb associated with each image.
* Be prepared to read aloud the sentences in Exercise 1 to your conversation partner. Pay attention to your stresses on words and also where you should have pause.
* Be prepared to ask the questions you have written for Exercise 3 from your conversation partner.
* Be prepared to improvise a dialogue similar to one in Exercise 4. Also be ready answer the questions that are given at the end of Exercise 4.
* Be prepared to role play Exercise 5. You can play this exercise about your conversation partner or her parents. Also you can talk about some well-known people, where they lived, where they went to school and alike.

**Homework for Tutorial**

* Written task for Exercise 1 in The Past Habitual Verb Tense.
* Written task for Exercise 2 in The Past Habitual Verb Tense.
* Written task for Exercise 3 in The Past Habitual Verb Tense.
* Written task for Exercise 4 in The Past Habitual Verb Tense.
* Hand in the dialogue you have written for the Exercise 5. You and your friend(s) are supposed to ask each other the questions that are mentioned in Exercise 5.