Easy Tiger

Preparation To Do At Home –

- Please read the article and research any vocabulary you do not understand.
- Also prepare some information about your life story.
- Also read the grammar sheet.

Activity One – Listen to the song and follow the lyrics. (MIKA Happy Ending).



This is the way you left me,
I'm not pretending.
No hope, no love, no glory,
No Happy Ending.
This is the way that we love,
Like it's forever.
Then live the rest of our life,
But not together.

Wake up in the morning, stumble on my life
Can't get no love without sacrifice
If anything should happen, I guess I wish you well
A little bit of heaven, but a little bit of hell

This is the hardest story that I've ever told
No hope, or love, or glory
Happy endings gone forever more
I feel as if I feel as if I'm wastin'
And I'm wastin' everyday

This is the way you left me,
I'm not pretending.
No hope, no love, no glory,
No Happy Ending.
This is the way that we love,
Like it's forever.
Then live the rest of our life,
But not together.

2 o'clock in the morning, something's on my mind
Can't get no rest; keep walkin' around
If I pretend that nothin' ever went wrong, I can get to my sleep
I can think that we just carried on

This is the hardest story that I've ever told
No hope, or love, or glory
Happy endings gone forever more
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Activity Two – Discussion

What do you think the song is about ? With your partner try and tell the life story of the person in the song using the past tense.

Activity Three – Past Tenses

Let's read the Past tense Guide to revise.

Activity Four – Tiger Woods

Let's read about his life story. Underline the verbs in the past tense as you read.

Introduction :

• Tiger Woods became the youngest-ever career grand slam winner in 2000, at age 25, when he won the British Open.

• In 1997, Tiger Woods became the youngest-ever Masters champion at age 21 years, three months and 14 days.

• Woods was the youngest (15) ever to win the U.S. Junior Amateur and the youngest (18) to win the U.S. Amateur.

Life Story :

Woods learned to play golf as a child. His father, Earl, served as his teacher and mentor. Around the age of eight, Woods had become extremely good at the game.He studied at Stanford University, and won a number of amateur U.S. golf titles before turning professional in 1996. Woods shot to fame after winning the U.S. Masters at Augusta in 1997—with a record score of 270—at the age of 21.

In his first appearance at the British Open later that year, Woods tied the course record of 64. The next few years brought even more successes, including four US PGA titles, three U.S. Open wins, three Open Championship wins, and three U.S. Masters wins.

. Woods married his longtime girlfriend Elin Nordegren, a Swedish model, in October of 2004.

Returning to dominate the sport, he won six championships in 2005 and was voted the PGA Tour Player of Year for the seventh time in nine years.

The next season was marked by many wins personally and professionally. His wife gave birth to the couple's first child, Sam Alexis Woods, on June 18, 2007. After taking some time off to welcome his daughter, he won the World Golf Championship and US PGA Championship in August 2007.

The next month, Woods' winning ways continued and he was named Player of the Year by the other participants in the PGA Tour and won his eighth Arnold Palmer Award for being the lead money earner on the tour.

Woods won the U.S. Open on June 16, 2008, in a 19-hole playoff, overcoming pain in his left knee from surgery performed on April 15. Two days later, However he missed the rest of the season because his left knee needed more surgery.

Woods and his wife announced September 2, 2008, that they were expecting their second child in late winter. "Elin is feeling great and we are both thrilled," Woods said on his Web site. "While my injury has been disappointing and frustrating, it has allowed me to spend a lot of time watching Sam grow. I can't begin to tell you how rewarding it is being a dad and spending time with her and Elin." The couple welcomed baby boy Charlie Axel Woods on February 8, 2009.

Several weeks later, on February 25, 2009, Woods returned to the green in the Accenture Match Play Championship in Tucson, Arizona. Woods played against South African golfer Tim Clark, losing 4 to 2 in his first tournament since his injury. In June of 2009, Woods competed again in the U.S. Open. After putting a four-over-par in the first round, Woods quickly fell out of contention for the win.

Although Woods' comeback had not been as good as he'd hoped, he remained No. 1 in the Official World Golf Rankings, and continued to be the leader in top 10 finishes overall. But after losing the PGA title to Yang Yong-eun, Woods finished the year without a single major win—the first time he had done so since 2004.

Then he started to have other problems. In late November, there were reports about an affair between Woods and nightclub manager Rachel Uchitel. Both denied a relationship, despite photographic evidence that proved the contrary.

On November 27, as the story gained interest, media sources announced that Woods had collided into a fire hydrant outside his home at 2:30 in the morning. Reports said that Woods' wife had broken the back window of the golfer's SUV with a golf club in order to get him out of the locked car. The golfer's injuries were not serious, and he was quickly released.

The accident aroused suspicions with fans and the media, who instantly pushed for a statement from Woods. But the golfer remained silent on the matter, and mysteriously dropped out of his charity golf tournament, the Chevron World Challenge. He then announced that he would not be attending any other tournaments in 2009.

As the silence grew, so did reports of other Woods mistresses. On December 2, 2009, Woods offered an apology to his fans and family, expressing regret for unnamed "transgressions." But as the mistress count rose to more than a dozen women, with phone evidence to back many claims, Woods was unable to suppress media inquiries into his life. Woods was said to have offered his wife a renegotiation of their prenuptial agreement in order to compel her to stick by him, but reports soon surfaced that Nordgren had purchased a home in Sweden with her sister. Photographers then spotted the former model without her wedding ring.

On December 11, 2009, Woods apologized again to fans—this time, admitting to infidelity. He then announced that he would be taking a hiatus from golf in order to tend to his family. Several days later, he lost his endorsement deal with management company, Accenture, and was suspended from his Gilette endorsement. Other companies, including Nike, Tag Heuer and EA Sports, continue to stand by Woods.

Activity Five – Comprehension Questions

1. How old was Tiger when he learned to play golf ?
2. Who taught him ?
3. What is his wife's name ?
4. How many children has he got ?
5. Name some of the competitions he has one.
6. What are his outstanding achievements ?
7. What injury did he have ?
8. What signs showed he had personal problems ?
9. What does the public know about him now ?
10. What has he lost ?

Activity Six – Your Story

Tell the story of your life so far using as many different past tenses as possible.

Activity Seven – Happy endings

Re-create a happy ending for each of these people's lives and tell the class using the past tense.

- Lady Diana
- Elvis
- Michael Jackson