Logistics in the Past Tense

EAE Learning objectives for this lesson

Practice using the past tenses to talk about logistics. Learn and practice vocabulary and expressions about logistics.

Activity 1 - questions



1. What is logistics?
2. Do you work in logistics?
3. Describe the process of logistics in your job, in the past tense…

Activity 2 - Read the text and answer the questions

- To start off, IKEA has a clear vision – to provide well designed, functional home furnishings at prices so low that as many people as possible will be able to afford them. Its various functions (supply chain operations and inventory management included) work together to support its distinctive value proposition.
- IKEA is distinctive by committing to a catalog of products that will be stocked for a year at a guaranteed price.
- IKEA also relies on something rare and unique concerning its logistical management of reordering products – it employs in-store logistics personnel to handle inventory management at its stores. There is an in-store logistics manager responsible for the ordering process and a store goods manager responsible for material handling logistics at all IKEA stores.
- The duties of the logistics personnel are to monitor and record deliveries, carefully check delivery notices, sort and separate the goods, and get them off to the correct sales area or designated overstock locations. Overall, they ensure an efficient flow of goods within IKEA stores, which is essential to maintaining high sales and enhancing customer loyalty.

Comprehension Questions:

1. What is Ikea's vision?
2. What does Ikea commit to?
3. What adjectives are used to describe the logistics at Ikea? Do you agree? Would you describe Ikea in this way?
4. What is the main objective of logistics personnel?

Change the verbs into the past tense in the previous text (what irregular verbs did you find)

Activity 2 - Talk about a typical working day using the simple past, then try again with the past continuous, How many different past tenses can you use?

Activity 3 - watch the logistics mock movie trailer and answer the questions

1. What does the success of business depend on?
2. What does a company's sustainability rely on?
3. What does 'set the bar' mean?
4. What does it mean to be - 'on the front lines'?
5. How does UPS compare to the logistics at Ikea?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hWbGXxc7M3s



Activity 4 - listen to the little song and watch the video
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1NlBX6-CkQw **Fill in the gaps**

When your _____ of supply,
goes from here to _____
That's logistics!

_____ from here, boards from there
_____ it all through the air
That's logistics!

Clearing customs like that,
_____, no time flat
That's logistics!

All new technology,
UPS _____ to me,
That's logistics!

Explain what you saw in the video
Now can you use the verbs in the song to make more example sentences

Activity 5 - describe what you see in the pictures
Create a story using the past tense - what happened before the pictures, then what is going to happen next…







