

THE ENGLISH SHOW *presents*

A Weekend in Paris

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Welcome back to The English Show. This is the second video from SpokenEnglishOnline.com. My name's Jack and I, remember, am your video host. Before talking about today's video, I'd like to say thank you for all the great feedback you sent Poppy and myself for the first video.

Now let's turn to today's video...

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Do you remember Lesson #5 from Poppy's 6 free lessons in Inspired English?

Lesson #5 is called "You Can Speak Perfect Grammar". Let me remind you about this method.

It's the best way to stop making grammar mistakes without the pain of learning grammar rules.

First listen to a short story in the present. Listen to it 10 times every day for one week.

Then listen to the SAME short story that happened last year or last week - in the past. Listen to it 10 times every day for one week.

Finally, listen to the SAME short story that will happen next year or next week - in the future. Listen to it 10 times every day for one week.

By listening to these stories again and again you start to learn the tenses deeply.

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In this video, I am going to give you a real example of Lesson #5. In a very short story called "A weekend in Paris". In video 1 we cover the present tense. In video 2 we cover the same story in the past tense, and in video 3 we cover the same story in the future tense.

Simple enough! So let's get started the video 1 – "A Weekend in Paris: LIVE!"

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My family loves Paris. We really enjoy going there once every year. This year we take the Eurostar train from London to Disneyland Paris.

It's an easy trip – no hassle with airports, planes, cars or ferries; just a single train journey which lasts 2 hours.

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It's a special treat for our son, Joe. It's his fifth birthday and he can't wait to go on all the exciting rides.

A day in Disneyland is a long day for the parents, but Joe just loves everything about it. He enjoys all the rides and it's difficult to tear him away to grab some lunch.

Joe just adores all the life-size Disney characters. I even take a photograph of him with Woody.... yes the very same Woody from Toy Story. He so likes that film!

Poppy and I are so tired when we arrive at the hotel in the evening. After his exciting day, Joe also doesn't take too long before he falls asleep. It's been a very tiring day for us all.

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The next day, we drive into Paris. It's a beautiful city with many great sites to see like the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, the River Seine, the Louvre museum and Notre Dame. I could go on and on.

I don't know how many of the sights we can see today though. It's not easy to entertain our 5 year old boy during our sight seeing tour of Paris.

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Since we start the journey very early, we have breakfast – or as the French say – petit dejeuner – in one of those lovely cafés by the River Seine. It is beautiful summer's day so we sit outside watching the world go by.

In Paris, breakfast means croissants, pain du chocolate and coffee. They are my favourites. Sitting outside a café by the River Seine on a summer's day is simply wonderful.

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We can't stay there all day though. Instead we decide to go for a walk and enjoy everything there is about Paris. Fortunately we have our stroller with us.

This is great for when Joe gets tired from walking... which is usually after about 5 minutes. Without it, it's either Poppy or me who have to carry him and that can make for a very difficult day!

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You see so many street artists in Paris, either sketching or painting the beautiful scenery and the architecture. We stop and watch an expert at work drawing a beautiful summer's day by the River Seine.

There are so many special things about Paris that both Poppy and I really enjoy!

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That's the end of video 1 – "A Weekend in Paris: LIVE!" Before watching Video 2 in this series, please watch this video again a minimum of 10 times to ensure you learn this material properly.