

Transcribe the following passage or use the recording as a dictation

My grandfather had a very exciting life. When he was young, he lived on a farm in the country. His parents raised cattle, and he looked after the cows. When he was eighteen, he went to university, where he studied Philosophy. He also played the trumpet in a jazz band. When the war started, he tried to join the Air Force, but he ended up in the Navy. In the Atlantic, a German torpedo ripped a hole in the side of his ship, and the ship sank. Only five men escaped. They sailed in a lifeboat back to England. Then he met my grandmother, and they married after only three weeks. He says now that he wanted to marry her very quickly in case he died in the war.

Before you look at the key

Now that you know the rule, make sure you check the transcription of the regular verbs in the simple past (in bold type in the following extract)

Are there any cases of linking 'r'? Have you included them in your transcription? (underlined in the following passage)

Are there any cases of definite articles or prepositions followed by a word that begins with a vowel? (in capital letters in the passage)

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KEY

| maɪ grænfɑ:ðə hæd ə veri ɪksaɪtɪŋ laɪf | wen hi
wəz jʌŋ | hi lɪvd ɒn ə fɑ:m ɪn ðə kʌntri | hɪz
peərənts reɪzd kætəl | ənd hi lʊkt ɑ:ftə ðə kaʊz |
wen hi wəz eɪtɪ:n | hi went tə ju:nɪvɜ:sɪti | weə hi
stʌdɪd fɪlɒsəfi | hi ɔ:l səʊ pleɪd ðə trʌmpɪt ɪn ə

dʒæz bænd | wen ðə wɔ: stɑ:tɪd | hi traɪd tə
dʒɔɪn ði eə fɔ:s | bət hi endɪd ʌp ɪn ðə neɪvɪ | ɪn
ði ət'læntɪk | ə dʒɜ:mən tɔ:i:dəʊ rɪpt ə həʊl ɪn ðə
saɪd əv ɪz ʃɪp | ənd ðə ʃɪp sæŋk | əʊnli faɪv men
ɪskeɪpt | ðeɪ seɪld ɪn ə laɪfbəʊt bæk tu ɪŋɡlənd |
ðen hi met maɪ ɡræn mʌðə | ənd ðeɪ məeɪd
ɑ:ftər əʊnli θri: wi:ks | hi sez naʊ ðæt hi wɒntɪd tə
məeɪ hə veri kwɪkli ɪn keɪs hi daɪd ɪn ðə wɔ: |