

# What Were You Doing?

## A Journey Through Stories, Memories, and Time

Every story is a captured moment. Whether it's a spinning wheel, a walk through a fair, or a mistake made in a tree, how we describe these moments matters. Today, we travel through three stories to master the art of looking back.



# Stop 1: The Observation Deck

To tell a story, you must first freeze the frame.

**Look at the size, the structure, and the suspended cabins.**

We use this image to ground ourselves before moving into the narrative.

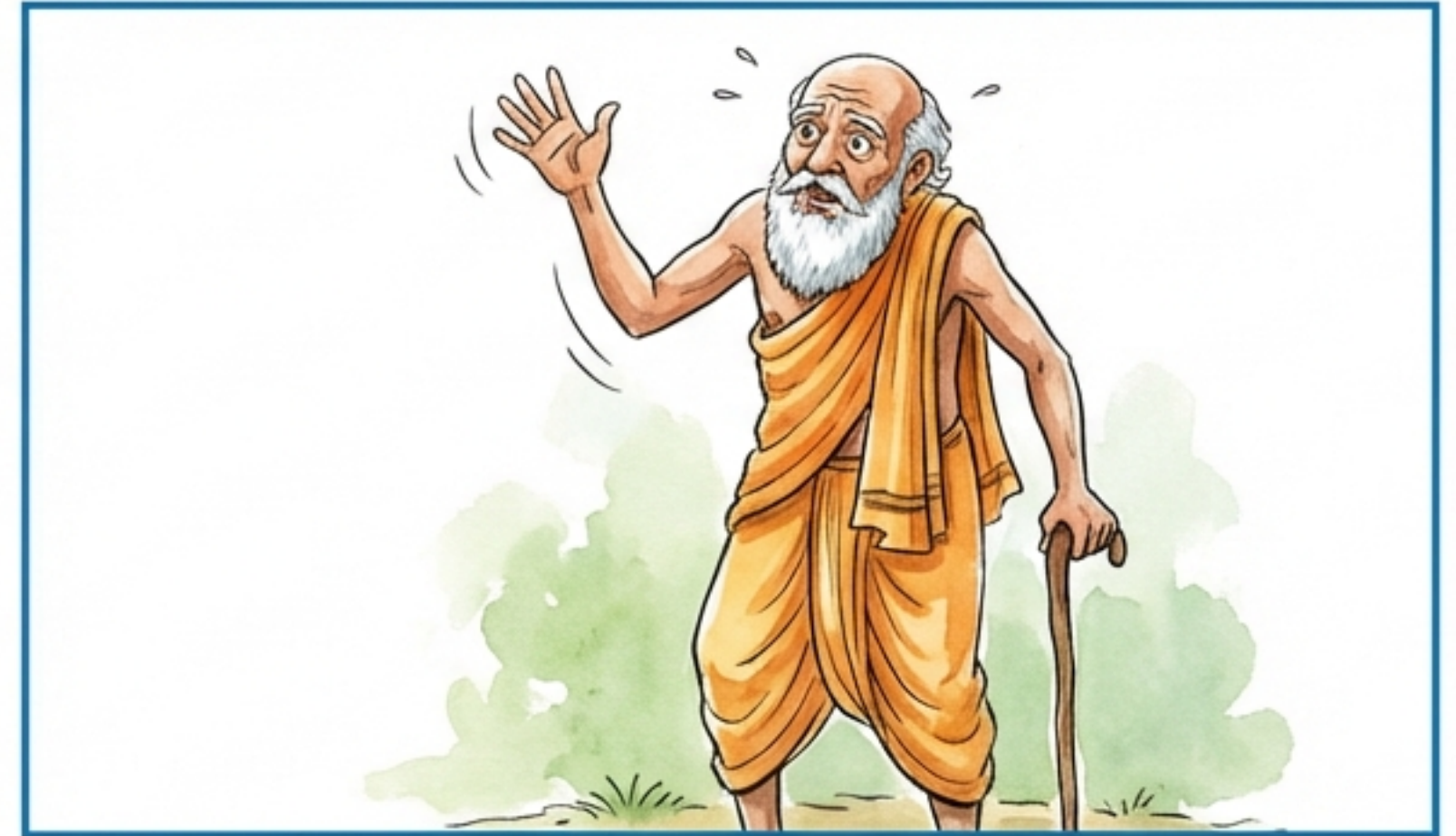


**What do you see?**  
A massive structure in motion.

**Where is it found?**  
Fairs and amusement parks.

**The Experience:** Have you ever taken a ride?

# The Cautionary Tale: Vinu's Mistake



Vinu climbed up a tree. He sat on a branch. He was cutting the same branch he was sitting on.

An old man saw the boy and said, "Oh Vinu! Don't cut that branch. You will fall."

The boy laughed at the old man. He did not follow his advice.

# Gravity & Consequence



## The Action:

He continued to cut the branch.

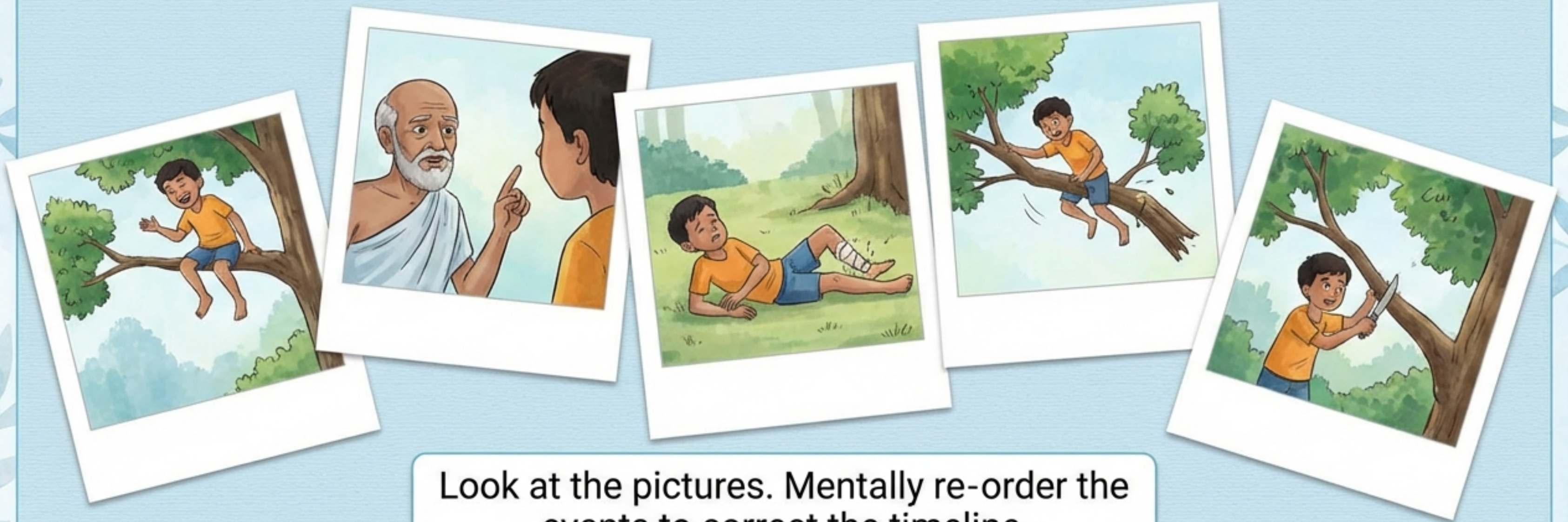


## The Result:

He fell down and broke his leg.

**Grammar Note:** Continuous Action ('Cutting') → Sudden Result ('Fell').

# Reconstruct the Scene



Look at the pictures. Mentally re-order the events to correct the timeline.

## Timeline:

1. Vinu cutting the branch.
2. The old man warning Vinu.
3. Vinu laughing/ignoring advice.
4. The branch breaking.
5. Vinu on the ground with a broken leg.

# Correspondence: Halol to Bhuj

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Tina lives in Halol. She writes to her friend Meena in Bhuj about two very different worlds: A Village Fair and a Trade Fair.

# Destination 1: The Village Fair

Between Halol and Pavagadh (Reached by **Auto-rickshaw**)



## SENSORY DETAILS

**\*\*Sights\*\***: Toys, sweets, colorful bazaar, household items.

**\*\*Sounds\*\***: Loudspeakers playing film songs, children laughing, shouting in excitement.

**THE PLACE WAS FULL OF NOISE.**

# Destination 2: The Trade Fair

📍 Vadodara (Reached by School Bus)



- **Vibe:** No entry fee. Polite salespersons. Well-dressed attendees.
- **Goods:** Electronic goods (TV, VCR, Music Systems), Fridge, Washing Machines.
- **Food:** Fast food stalls (Pizza & Lassi).

# The Traveler's Phrasebook

Match the action to the story

Phrase

Context



Fell down

Vinu from the tree  
Giant wheel motion



Looking at

The birds  
The electronics



Laughed at

Vinu mocking the old man



Full of

Water  
People  
Noise








Row of

Trees  
Stalls

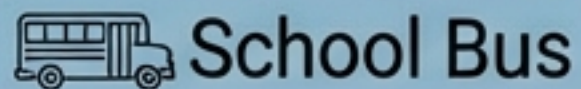
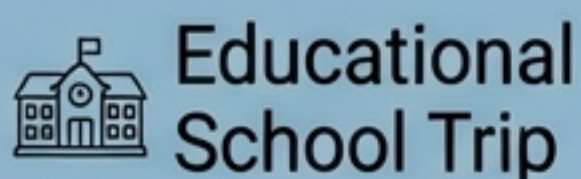
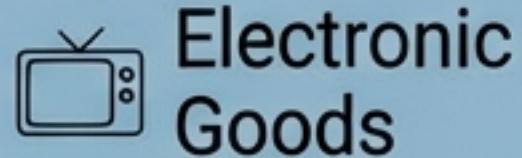
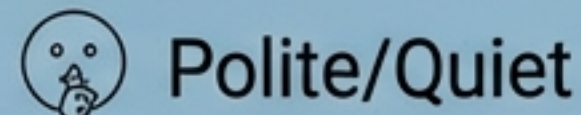
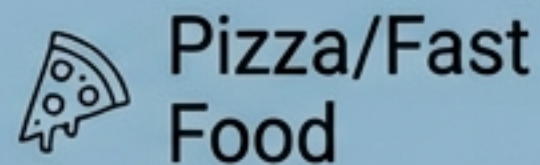
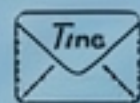
# Two Worlds, One Letter



- Sugar/Sweets 
- Noise/ Loudspeakers 
- Traditional Wares 
- Chaotic Fun 
- Auto-rickshaw 

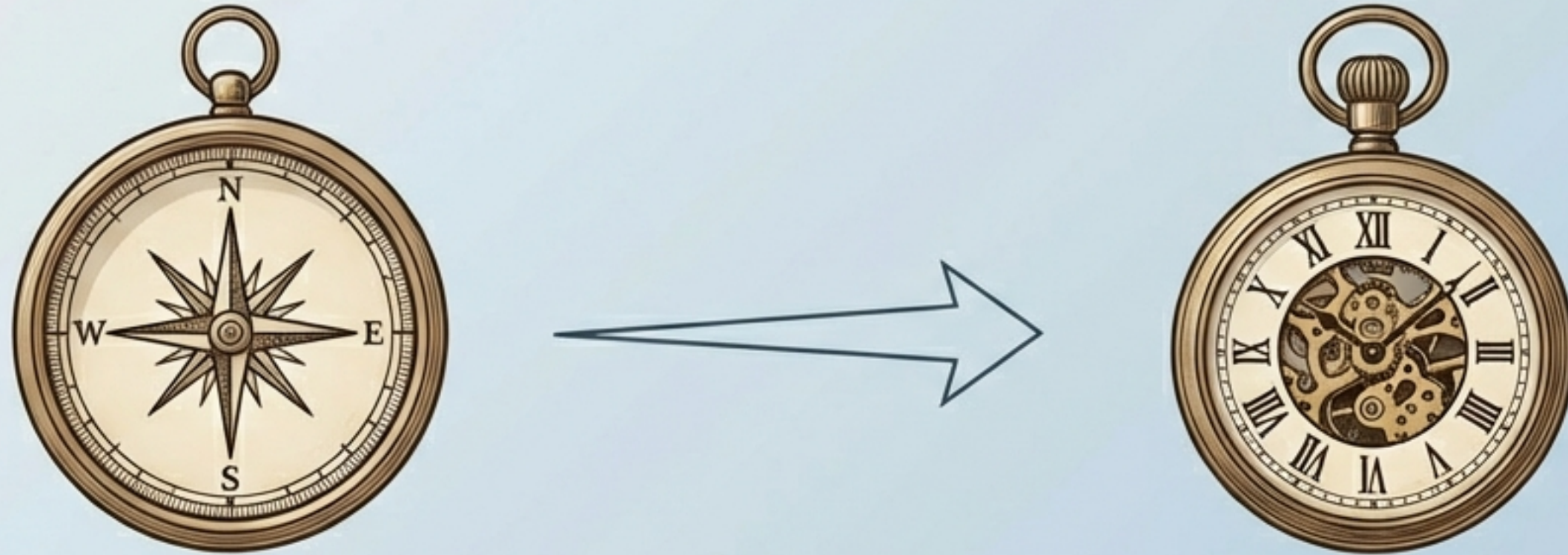


Visited  
by Tina



What was similar? What was different?

# Shifting the Lens: From Place to Time



We have looked at **where** we went. Now, let's look at **when** it happened. To tell a story, you need to differentiate between what you **were doing** (The Past) and what you **are doing** (The Present).

# The Timeline Mirror: Manisha's Schedule



Yesterday at 7:00 am,  
she **was reading** a book.











Today at 7:00 am,  
she **is helping** her mother.

**Past Continuous (Was -ing) vs. Present Continuous (Is -ing).**



# Complete the Pattern

Yesterday 	Today 
 <p>11:00 AM: She <b>was drawing</b> a picture.</p>	 <p>11:00 AM: She <b>is attending</b> prayer.</p>
 <p>1:30 PM: She <b>was making</b> a paperbag.</p>	 <p>1:30 PM: She <b>is presenting</b> in class.</p>
 <p>6:00 PM: She <b>was playing</b> Kho-kho.</p>	 <p>6:00 PM: She <b>is talking</b> to a friend.</p>

**Past Continuous (Was -ing) vs. Present Continuous (Is -ing).**

# Your Turn: Write Your Journey

*Write a letter to a friend about a place you visited recently.  
Answer these questions:*

1. Which place did you visit?
2. When did you go there?
3. How did you go there? (Bus, train, auto-rickshaw?)
4. Who went with you?
5. What did you like or dislike?



(Activity 7 prompts)

# Captured Moments



**Observed**

We Observed the  
Giant Wheel.



**Witnessed**

We Witnessed  
Vinu's fall.



**Compared**

We Compared  
Tina's two fairs.



**Analyzed**

We Analyzed  
Manisha's timeline.

Whether it was yesterday or today, keep observing and keep writing your stories.