

## PRACTICE EXERCISES

### A. PAST SIMPLE TENSE & PAST CONTINUOUS

#### 1. Complete the sentences. Put the verb into the correct form, positive or negative.

Example: 1 It was warm, so I **took** off my coat. (take)

Example: 2 The film wasn't very good. I **didn't enjoy** it much. (enjoy)

3 I knew Sarah was busy, so I ..... her. (disturb)

4 We were very tired, so we ..... the party early. (leave)

5 It was hard carrying the bags. They ..... really heavy. (be)

6 The bed was very uncomfortable. I ..... well. (sleep)

7 This watch wasn't expensive. It ..... much. (cost)

8 The window was open and a bird ..... into the room. (fly)

9 I was in a hurry, so I ..... time to call you. (have)

10 I didn't like the hotel. The room ..... very clean. (be)

#### 2. Complete the sentences using the following verbs in the correct form:

buy	catch	cost	fall	hurt	sell	spend	teach	throw	write
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Example: 1 Mozart **wrote** more than 600 pieces of music.

2 'How did you learn to drive?' 'My father ..... me.'

3 We couldn't afford to keep our car, so we ..... it.

4 Dave ..... down the stairs this morning and ..... his leg.

5 Joe ..... the ball to Sue, who ..... it.

6 Kate ..... a lot of money yesterday. She ..... a dress which ..... £100

#### 3. Put the verb into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.

Example: 1 Jenny **was waiting** (wait) for me when I **arrived** (arrive).

2 'What ..... (you / do) at this time yesterday?' 'I was asleep.'

3 '..... (you / go) out last night?' 'No, I was too tired.'

4 How fast ..... (you / drive) when the accident ..... (happen)?

5 Sam ..... (take) a picture of me while I ..... (not / look).

6 We were in a very difficult position. We ..... (not / know) what to do, so we ..... (do) nothing.

7 I haven't seen Alan for ages. When I last ..... (see) him, he ..... (try) to find a job.

8 I ..... (walk) along the street when suddenly I ..... (hear) something behind me.

Somebody ..... (follow) me. I was scared and I ..... (start) to run.

9 When I was young, I ..... (want) to be a pilot. Later I ..... (change) my mind.

10 Last night I ..... (drop) a plate when I ..... (do) the washing up. Fortunately it ..... (not / break).

## B. USED TO

### 1. Complete the sentences with “used to” and the correct form of the verbs

Example: 1 Lisa **used to have (have)** very long hair when she was a child.

2 We ..... (watch) TV a lot, but we don't have a TV any more.

3 Lisa works in a shop now. She ..... (be) a receptionist in a hotel.

4 What games ..... you ..... (play) when you were a child?

5 I ..... (like) big cities, but now I prefer the countryside.

6 In your last job, how many hours a day did you ..... (work)?

7 I ..... (be able) to run ten kilometres, but I can't run that far now.

8 These days I eat more than before. I ..... (eat) as much.