

Progress Test “Past Tenses”

I. Choose the right tense form.

1. We were happy to hear that we were passing / had passed the exam.
2. My uncle had been the headmaster of that school for thirty years before he had retired / retired.
3. She was walking / had walked home when she saw the accident.
4. How long ago had you taken / did you take this course?
5. We weren't / hadn't been satisfied with our achievements then.
6. I watched / was watching the news when the telephone rang.
7. When did she choose / has she chosen to take a course in statistics?
8. George was angry. He had been waiting / was waiting for Nora for two hours.
9. Students opened / had opened their books and did the exercise.
10. It was easy for him to get lost because he hadn't been / wasn't in a big city before.

II. Put the verb in brackets into the most suitable past tense.

1. Ruth _____ (rise) early, _____ (make) coffee and _____ (eat) her breakfast.
2. She _____ (become) an excellent player by the time she finished school.
3. The party _____ (already / start) by the time I _____ (arrive).
4. _____ (she, ask) this question yesterday?
5. I _____ (review) grammar rules before the test when my computer _____ (start) to blink.
6. She was upset, because she _____ (not/ manage) to prepare for the test.
7. He was dizzy. He _____ (work) on the computer all night.
8. John _____ (read) an economic book, while Ted _____ (look through) some magazines.
9. I don't remember exactly how long ago it _____ (be).
10. It _____ (rain) for the two days when suddenly the sun _____ (come out).

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Past Simple	Past Continuous	Past Perfect	Past Perfect Continuous
			
→ V-ed, V2	→ was (were) V-ing	→ had V-ed, V3	→ had been V-ing