

HOMEWORK – PAST TENSE CONTRAST

1 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple or the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I _____ (have) a crash while I _____ (learn) to drive.
- 2 Sam _____ (get) his first job while he _____ (live) in London.
- 3 It _____ (rain), so we _____ (decide) to cancel the barbecue.
- 4 What _____ you _____ (do) when I _____ (see) you in town?
- 5 Emma _____ (not hear) the phone ringing because she _____ (listen) to music in her bedroom.
- 6 Ryan _____ (break) his arm while he _____ (ski) in France.
- 7 Harry _____ (work) as a chef when he _____ (meet) Sally.
- 8 You obviously _____ (not listen) when I _____ (ask) you to turn down the music.

2 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple or the past perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 My uncle and aunt _____ (already / get engaged) before they _____ (emigrate) to Australia.
- 2 I _____ (not / can) buy anything because I _____ (forget) my wallet.
- 3 Robert _____ (be) upset because he _____ (split up) with his girlfriend.
- 4 Kelly _____ (start) her first business before she _____ (leave) university.
- 5 As soon as Sara _____ (inherit) the money from her grandmother, she _____ (buy) a car.
- 6 By the time Joe _____ (retire), he _____ (become) a grandfather.
- 7 After Fred _____ (settle down) in London, he _____ (decide) to have a change of career.
- 8 We _____ (spend) the weekend moving house, so we _____ (go) to bed very early on Sunday.

3 Choose the best ending (a or b) for the sentences.

- 1 We couldn't open the front door because
a it had snowed all night. b it snowed all night.
- 2 It was a lovely spring day and the birds
a sang. b were singing.
- 3 I looked out of the window and noticed that
a it had stopped raining. b it was stopping raining.
- 4 The plants died because we
a were forgetting to water them.
b forgot to water them.
- 5 Before I left the house, I
a locked all the windows. b was locking all the windows.
- 6 I wasn't particularly hungry because
a I'd already had lunch. b I already had lunch.