

## MINI TEST 5

### PAST SIMPLE, PAST PERFECT SIMPLE, PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

#### Exercise 1

Fill in the gaps with the past perfect simple of the verbs in brackets in the positive or negative.

According to Dr Ken Winkle, Australia's Red-back spider is colonising the world. Dr Winkle, a venom expert from the University of Melbourne, said that authorities 1 ..... had found ..... (*find*) Red-back spiders in Japan and Belgium. They suspected that spiders or their eggs 2 ..... had entered ..... (*enter*) these countries along with Australian trading goods. Furthermore, it was extremely likely that the spiders 3 ..... had made ..... (*make*) their way into other nations around the world but that people 4 ..... had not discovered ..... (*discover*) them yet. Dr Winkle said the spiders 5 ..... had turned up ..... (*also/turn up*) in the port city of Osaka (which receives a variety of Australian trade goods) in the late 1990s and 6 ..... had multiplied ..... (*multiply*) quickly. He said Australian spider experts were collaborating with Japanese officials to find a way to stop the venomous invader.

#### Exercise 2

Fill in the gaps with the past simple, past perfect simple or past perfect continuous of the verbs in brackets.

Last year my friends ..... arranged ..... (*1 arrange*) for us to try fire-walking, which is when you walk on hot coals. I ..... was ..... (*2 always/be*) fascinated by it and I ..... heard ..... (*3 hear*) people say it was an unforgettable experience. I was very excited when I ..... arrived ..... (*4 arrive*) on the day, although beforehand I ..... felt ..... (*5 feel*) a little frightened! My friends and I ..... were coming ..... (*6 come*) in the hope that by the end of the day we would be able to say we ..... walked ..... (*7 walk*) across hot, burning coals.

Our teacher was very good, and by teatime we ..... had learnt ..... (*8 learnt*) a great deal and ..... had prepared ..... (*9 prepare*) the fires. I ..... expected ..... (*10 expect*) to be terrified when the time came to walk, but as I ..... took off ..... (*11 take off*) my shoes and socks I ..... was not feeling ..... (*12 not/feel*) afraid. I ..... approached ..... (*13 approach*) the coals as all my friends before me ..... had done ..... (*14 do*), and started walking! I could feel the heat, but as I ..... stepped ..... (*15 step*) back onto the grass at the other end I knew the coals ..... were not burning ..... (*16 not/burn*) my feet at all. As I ..... hoped ..... (*17 hope*), all my friends ..... were managing ..... (*18 manage*) the walk and none of us were burnt. The whole experience was amazing, and I just wished I ..... had done ..... (*19 do*) it sooner.