

Exercise 1

Place the verbs in brackets in to either the Past Simple or Past Continuous tense.

1. The wind (blow) while John (walk) along the sea shore. The children (play) on the beach. A bus (come) around the corner and (stop) at the bus stop. John (get on) the bus and (go) to the city centre. He (jump off) the bus and (cross) the road. He (walk) towards the hotel when he (hear) someone calling his name. He (turn) around and (see) his friend Trevor. They (go) into the café for something to eat and a chat.

2. Last weekend Mary (take) her bike and (ride) to the lake. She (meet) her friends there and they (go) swimming. They (sit) in the sun but it soon (begin) to rain. They (run) for shelter under the trees. After a while it (stop) and they (go) home. They (decide) to go to the cinema and (call) a taxi to collect them. They (enjoy) the movie and (be) all very excited.

Exercise 2

Put the verbs in brackets into the Present Simple or the Present Continuous.

1. Josh: Sorry Mum, but I **dropped** (drop) the glass on the floor.

Mum: Never mind. Just be careful next time.

2. Greg: _____ (you/watch) the horror film last night?

Peter: Yes, but I _____ (not/enjoy) it.

3. Mary: _____ your neighbours _____ (move) house yesterday?

Alice: Yes, we _____ (help) them move their boxes.

5. Andy: A train _____ (crash) last night.

Sam: I know. Luckily, all the passengers _____ (survive).

6. Ann: Susan _____ (not/play) tennis yesterday.

Claire: I know. She's playing today instead.

7. Sarah: _____ you _____ (see) Kate yesterday?

Paul: Yes. We _____ (have) lunch together.

Exercise 3

Choose the correct answer.

1. Jacques Cousteau **B** the oceans.
A explores B explored C is exploring
2. Sam a bicycle, but now he drives a car.
A is riding B used to ride C rides
3. I an interesting book at the moment.
A don't read B read C am reading
5. He home early yesterday because he felt ill.
A went B is going C used to go
6. Mr Jones , but he does now.
A used to travel B didn't use to travel C travelled
7. I a noise, so I went to see what it was.
A heard B hear C am hearing
8. Peter how to use a computer at present.
A learnt B is learning C learns
9. I to a party last night
A used to go B went C was going

Exercise 4

Used To or Past Simple? Put the verbs into the correct form

1. Mother **cleaned** (clean) the windows twice last week.
2. They (not/go) on holiday to Spain last year.
3. Mary (not/sing) in the school choir yesterday.
4. Peter often (fight) with his little brother when he was young.
5. Mother Teresa (help) the poor people of India.
6. Her sister (bake) this beautiful cake on Monday.
7. Sam (enjoy) his trip to Wales last weekend?
8. John (fall) and (hurt) his elbow.

● **Re-write the sentences below using "used to".**

1. Last month, I rode my bicycle to school. Now, I don't ride my bicycle to school.

I used to ride my bicycle to school.

2. Ten years ago, I studied Japanese. Now, I don't study Japanese.

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3. Before, I didn't do exercise. Now, I do exercise.

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4. Last year, my classmate didn't study hard. Now, he studies hard.

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5. A long time ago, people didn't have electricity. Now, people have electricity.

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6. When I was young, I was lazy. Now, I'm not lazy.

_____.

7. A long time ago, people didn't have TV. Now, people have TV.

_____.

8. When Sarah was younger, she was short. Now, Sarah is tall.

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