

REVIEW PAST TENSES (CÁC THÌ QUÁ KHỨ)

I. Past simple or past continuous.

1. Nga (receive) _____ Jenny's letter a week ago.
2. Brian (have) _____ a difficult exam at 10 o'clock yesterday.
3. We didn't arrive on Tuesday. We (arrive) _____ yesterday.
4. _____ the meeting you attended (last) _____ three hours this morning?
5. Ann was waiting for me when I (come) _____.
6. Lan (take) _____ her younger brother to the zoo last Sunday.
7. _____ you (surf) _____ the Internet when I phoned you last night?
8. Lien stayed home last Sunday and (write) _____ several letters.
9. We (have) _____ a chat while we (wait) _____ for our flights.
10. I (walk) _____ along the street when suddenly I (hear) _____ footsteps behind me. Somebody (follow) _____ me. I was frightened and I (start) _____ to run.

II. Supply the correct past tense of the verbs.

1. Mr Hung _____ (be) on holiday last month. He enjoyed it very much.
2. I _____ (not watch) television last night. I went to bed early.
3. Mr Johnson _____ (work) for the company for 30 years when she got retired last year.
4. While Tina was bringing the tea glasses, she _____ (break) one of them.
5. Fernando told us that he _____ (look) everywhere for the book.
6. When Ann was a student, she _____ (ride) a bike to school every day.
7. We both _____ (like) the movies last night very much.
8. The police reported that they _____ (finally / capture) the thief.
9. It wasn't warm, so I _____ (put) on my pullover.
10. They _____ (finish) answering the questions before the bell rang.

III. Choose the best answer.

1. What _____ when he came to your house yesterday?
A. were you doing B. are you doing C. did you do D. you did
2. Mary is very happy but yesterday she _____ happy.
A. was B. wasn't C. were D. weren't
3. Helen _____ a present before she saw Tim.
A. buy B. bought C. had bought D. has bought
4. What _____ you _____ during the Math class this morning?
A. do / do B. did / do C. were / do D. were / doing
5. By the time we arrived at the railway station, the train _____.
A. left B. was leaving C. had left D. were leaving
6. My father _____ a book when I came home yesterday evening.
A. read B. is reading C. reads D. was reading

7. Man _____ on the Moon in 1969.
 A. land B. landed C. was landing D. had landed
8. They _____ dinner and speaking when I saw them.
 A. were having C. had C. are having D. have
9. Maria _____ for many hours when the car broke down.
 A. was driving B. had driven C. drove D. drive
10. John and Meg were dancing when I _____ there.
 A. arrive B. arrived C. had arrived D. arriving

IV. Build sentences using the words given.

1. (we / used / wear / uniforms / when / we / be / schoolchildren.)

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2. (he / work / the computer / last night?)

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3. (Lien's parents / wait / her / when / she / get off / plane / this afternoon.)

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4. (last summer / we / visit / Ha Long Bay / Cat Ba Island.)

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5. (I / was not / hungry / because / I / already eat / big lunch.)

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PART 2:

I. Supply the correct tense of the verbs (past simple or past continuous).

- We (have) _____ a lesson at this time yesterday.
- My father (listen) _____ to the radio until twelve o'clock last night.
- I went out on Saturday, but I (not go) _____ out on Sunday.
- Tom and Ann (talk) _____ on the telephone a few hours ago.
- We went to the park yesterday and (get) _____ wet when it rained.
- I (watch) _____ television when my friend called.
- The bed was very uncomfortable. I (not sleep) _____ very well.
- When the teacher (come) _____ into the classroom, some students were talking with each other.
- Thomas (drive) _____ very fast when he hit a tree.
- Last night Mr Johnson was surfing the Internet while his wife (read) _____ a book.

II. Join the sentences with *when* and *while*.

1. The bell rang. I was sleeping.

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2. The children were playing in the garden. It started to rain.

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3. Mark was running. I saw him.
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4. My mum was cooking in the kitchen. I got home.
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5. I came home. My brother was listening to music.
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III. Supply the correct tense of the verbs (past simple or past perfect).

1. He knew that he (make) _____ a serious mistake.

2. I had eaten dinner before they (phone) _____ me. _____

3. The house was very quiet when I got home. Everybody (go) _____ to bed.

4. Mr Nam (play) _____ with his children after he had taken a shower.

5. The teacher corrected the _____
exercises I (prepare) _____ her

6. Helen hadn't known the answer
to the question so she (not raise) _____
hand up.

7. It was clear that he (give)
us the wrong address.

8. We collected all the rubbish and (throw) _____ it into the litter bin.

9. Yesterday evening it (start) _____ to rain while we were having dinner.

10. A: _____ you (arrive) _____ at the theatre in time for the play last night?

B: No, we were late. By the time we got there, it (already / begin)
_____.

IV. Choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. I saw Jack yesterday morning while I _____ home from school.

A. walked B. was walking C. had been walking D. am walking

2. When I was young, I usually _____ up late to study.

A. stay B. staying C. stayed D. have stayed

3. Andrew has worked in this factory since we _____ school.

A. leave B. leaving C. had left D. left

4. Richard _____ his lunch in the cafeteria yesterday when his mother called him.

A. eating B. was eating C. ate D. eat

5. Sorry I'm late. The car _____ down on my way here.

A. broke B. was breaking C. break D. broken

6. My uncle _____ Italian food before he went to that restaurant.
A. tries B. was trying C. hadn't tried D. try
7. I was learning maths when my father _____ back.
A. comes B. came C. has come D. is coming
8. While I was staying at your house yesterday, my mother _____ in her office.
A. was working B. worked C. is working D. works
9. I missed the flight because the plane _____ off before I got to the airport.
A. took B. takes C. is taking D. had taken
10. When Mary went out to play, she _____ her homework.
A. done already B. has already done
C. already did D. had already done

