

Read the theory and solve the activities.

Past Simple, Past Continuous, Past Perfect Simple, Past Perfect Continuous.

5 Complete the sentences using the verbs in brackets in either the Past Simple or the Past Continuous.

- 1 I *didn't hear* (not hear) the alarm clock this morning because I *was* (be) so tired.
- 2 When I (see) Mary last night, I (not realise) that something was wrong.
- 3 I (study) in my room when the doorbell (ring).
- 4 My mother (read) a book while my father (watch) TV.
- 5 The robber (enter) the bank, (order) everybody to lie down and (take) all the money from the safe.
- 6 We (plan) to have a barbecue party when it suddenly (start) to rain.
- 7 The children (dance) at the party when the lights (go out).
- 8 How (you break) your arm?
- 9 I (ski) last weekend when I (fall) and (break) my leg.
- 10 I (not feel) very well this morning, so I (ask) my boss for permission to leave early.
- 11 Why (you / not tell) me the truth in the first place?
- 12 He (sit) on the bank of the river when he (see) a rare bird.
- 13 It (rain) heavily when I (wake) up this morning.
- 14 Everyone in the library (read) quietly when suddenly the door (open).
- 15 I (go) to Paul's house yesterday but I (not find) him there.
- 16 While I (wonder) whether to buy the suit or not, a man (come) in and bought it.
- 17 'What (you / do) from 10 am to 2 pm yesterday?' asked the detective.
- 18 My dog (attack) the postman while he (try) to deliver a letter.
- 19 We (not sleep) all night because our next door neighbours (have) a noisy party which went on till early in the morning.
- 20 'What (you / do) when the burglars (get) in?'
'I (watch) TV and my children (study) in their room.'
- 21 (you / work) when your boss (arrive) unexpectedly?
- 22 Why (you / not report) the burglary at once?

6 Put the verbs in brackets into the Past Simple or the Past Continuous.

I (1) *was walking* (walk) along Regent Street when I (2) (realise) that a man (3) (follow) me. I (4) (turn) right and he (5) (follow). Whenever I (6) (stop), he (7) (do) too. I (8) (decide) to take the 717 bus from the bus stop just behind me. Just as the bus (9) (move) off, I (10) (jump) on. The man (11) (miss) the bus but he (12) (get) on another 717. He (13) (seem) rather angry. I (14) (get) off at Leicester Square with lots of other people. He (15) (not notice) me getting off the bus. I immediately (16) (head) for the nearest police station to report him.

7 Complete the sentences by putting the verbs in brackets into the Past Perfect Simple or Continuous.

- 1 When her parents arrived, she *had been doing* (do) her homework for three hours.
- 2 As soon as she got home, she realised she (leave) her glasses at work.
- 3 My brother (try) to repair the TV for two hours before I called him.
- 4 Lisa (never see) such a beautiful painting until she went to the Museum of Modern Art.
- 5 Amanda (work) as a waitress for three years before she became a singer.
- 6 By the time the film ended, she (fall asleep) on the sofa.

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Complete the sentences with one of the time expressions from the box.

for already since ~~after~~ by the time until

- 1 I started taking driving lessons only *after* I had bought a new car.
- 2 The train had already left we reached the station.
- 3 Sheila had been waiting for me four o' clock.
- 4 They had been trying to solve the problem three hours when they finally found the solution.
- 5 She had done her homework by the time her friend came to see her.
- 6 He didn't leave he had paid the bill.

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Complete the sentences by putting the verbs in brackets into the Past Simple or the Past Perfect Simple.

- 1 When I *saw* (see) Bill yesterday, he *hadn't sold* (not sell) his car.
- 2 The airplane (already take off) when we (arrive) at the airport.
- 3 As soon as she (enter) the house, she (realise) that somebody (break in) and (steal) all her furniture.
- 4 When I (arrive) at the cinema, my friend Alice (already buy) the tickets.
- 5 After I (tidy) my room, I (ask) my mother to let me go out with my friends.
- 6 By the time I (phone) her, she (already arrange) to go out.
- 7 That was the first time I (ever sing) on stage.
- 8 The moment the plane took off, I realised that I (leave) my glasses at home.

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Complete the sentences by putting the verbs in brackets into the Past Simple or the Past Perfect Simple or Continuous.

- 1 Mary *had been studying* (study) for ten hours before she went to bed.
- 2 How long (you / clean) your room when your mother (arrive) yesterday?
- 3 I (drive) for three hours when the accident (happen).
- 4 When she (see) the doctor, she (tell) him that she (not sleep) for three days.
- 5 The teacher (tell) us that he (teach) for ten years before he (come) to our school.
- 6 Until I (find) this job, I (search) for almost ten months without success.
- 7 Until yesterday, he (never ride) a motorbike before.
- 8 She (try) to explain why she (lie) to her parents when a policeman (call) to say that they should go to the police station.
- 9 By the time I (get) to the theatre, the play (start).
- 10 I (not start) tidying up until all the guests (leave).

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