

## 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).**

1. We (have) \_\_\_\_\_ a lesson at this time yesterday.
2. My father (listen) \_\_\_\_\_ to the radio until twelve o'clock last night.
3. I went out on Saturday, but I (not go) \_\_\_\_\_ out on Sunday.
4. Tom and Ann (talk) \_\_\_\_\_ on the telephone a few hours ago.
5. We went to the park yesterday and (get) \_\_\_\_\_ wet when it rained.
6. I (watch) \_\_\_\_\_ television when my friend called.
7. The bed was very uncomfortable. I (not sleep) \_\_\_\_\_ very well.
8. When the teacher (come) \_\_\_\_\_ into the classroom, some students were talking with each other.
9. Thomas (drive) \_\_\_\_\_ very fast when he hit a tree.
10. 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 \_\_\_\_\_ her \_\_\_\_\_  
exercises I (prepare)

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

