

Past Tenses & Used To: End-of-Topic Test

Section 1: Multiple Choice (Grammar Recall)

Choose the correct verb form to complete each sentence.

1. While I _____ my homework, the lights suddenly went out.
a) did b) was doing c) used to do d) do
2. We _____ to the cinema three times last week.
a) went b) were going c) used to go d) use to go
3. My grandfather _____ have a beard, but he shaved it off last year.
a) use to b) used to c) was using to d) uses to
4. What _____ at 8:00 PM yesterday evening?
a) did you do b) were you doing c) you doing d) used you to do
5. She didn't hear the phone because she _____ to loud music.
a) listened b) used to listen c) was listening d) is listening
6. I _____ a shower when someone rang the doorbell.
a) had b) was having c) used to have d) am having
7. When they lived in London, they _____ to the park every Sunday.
a) were going b) used to go c) go d) are going
8. This building _____ be a library, but now it's a cafe.
a) was being b) used to c) used to be d) uses to be
9. At noon yesterday, we _____ lunch in the garden.
a) ate b) were eating c) used to eat d) was eating
10. I _____ my first car in 2015.
a) bought b) was buying c) used to buy d) buy

Section 2: Narrative Tenses



Read the short story below. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense: **Past Simple** or **Past Continuous**.

It was a dark and stormy night. Detective Miller **(1. sit)** _____ at his desk when the phone suddenly **(2. ring)** _____. He picked it up. While he **(3. listen)** _____ to the mysterious voice on the other end, someone **(4. knock)** _____ loudly on the door. He **(5. not / expect)** _____ any visitors at this hour. Miller **(6. stand)** _____ up and **(7. walk)** _____ to the entrance. While he **(8. turn)** _____ the handle, he **(9. notice)** _____ a strange shadow through the frosted glass. A tall woman **(10. wear)** _____ a long black coat and holding a wet umbrella.

Section 5: Error Correction

Read the sentences below. Some are correct, but some contain grammar mistakes. If the sentence is correct, put a tick (✓). If it is incorrect, rewrite it correctly.

Sentence	Tick if the sentence is correct	Rewrite the incorrect sentences
1. While I walked to school, I saw my friend.		
2. I use to have long hair.		
3. We were playing video games when the electricity stopped.		

4. She was going to London yesterday.		
5. They was watching TV when I arrived.		
6. Did you used to play football when you were younger?		
7. I cooked dinner when the phone rang.		
8. Last year, I went to France for my holidays.		
9. What were you doing at 5 o'clock yesterday?		
10. He used to smoking, but he stopped.		