PAST TENSES (B2 level)

1. Complete the sentences using PAST SIMPLE.

1. *(single completed action)* My colleague _____ (**finish**) her project late last night.
2. *(general truth about the past)* Ben _____ (**write**) letters to his friends before emails became popular.
3. *(single completed action)* She _____ (**not finish**) her homework on time.
4. *(habit in the past)* They _____ (**visit**) their grandparents every summer.
5. *(past habit)* _____ (**you / watch**) cartoons when you were younger?
6. *(habit in the past)* They _____ (**not / play**) outside during the winter.
7. *(main event in a story)* The hero _____ (**find**) the hidden treasure and saved the village.
8. *(emphasizing the statement)* We did _____ (**enjoy**) the trip, despite the bad weather.
9. *(general fact about the past)* People _____ (**not / use**) smartphones 100 years ago.
10. *(completed action)* _____ (**Tim / go**) to the meeting yesterday?

2. Complete the sentences using PAST CONTINUOUS.

1. Jennie _____ (**read**) a book at 8 p.m. yesterday.
2. The kids _____ (**talk**) while we were preparing dinner.
3. Andrew _____ (**not / listen**) to the teacher during the lesson.
4. _____ (**they / play**) football when it started to rain?
5. The sun _____ (**shine**) and the birds were singing as the story began.
6. Clary and Jace _____ (**not / work**) on the project last night.
7. She _____ (**not / exercise**) at that moment when they arrived.
8. We _____ (**stay**) in a small hotel during our trip.
9. _____ (**she / sleep**) when you called her?
10. We _____ (**not / study**) for the test all evening.

3. Read the sentences and choose between PAST SIMPLE and PAST CONTINUOUS.

1. My friend _____ (**call**) me while I _____ (**do**) my homework.
2. They _____ (**have**) dinner when someone _____ (**knock**) on the window.
3. Brenda _____ (**walk**) in the park when it suddenly _____ (**start**) to rain.
4. The teacher _____ (**stop**) the game while they _____ (**play**) football.
5. We _____ (**watch**) a film when the electricity _____ (**go**) out.
6. My parents _____ (**come**) home while I _____ (**sleep**).

4. Read the sentences and choose between PAST SIMPLE and PAST PERFECT.

1. She _____ (**finish**) all her homework before she _____ (**go**) out with her friends.
2. I _____ (**realise**) that I _____ (**forget**) my wallet when I tried to pay for lunch.
3. They _____ (**already / leave**) the building when the manager _____ (**arrive**) to check the office.
4. She _____ (**feel**) very tired because she _____ (**not / sleep**) well the night before.
5. We _____ (**be**) surprised when we heard that the film _____ (**win**) so many awards.
6. He _____ (**never / see**) the ocean before he _____ (**visit**) Spain last summer.

5. Complete the sentences using PAST PERFECT or PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS.

1. She _____ (**walk**) for hours, so she was quite tired when she got home.
2. Lance was happy because he _____ (**pass**) the exam.
3. They _____ (**manage**) to finish building the house before winter arrived.
4. I didn't sleep much so I was in a bad mood because I _____ (**study**) all night long.
5. Mrs Carlton _____ (**send**) three important emails before the meeting started.
6. The teacher felt exhausted because he _____ (**work**) without a break.

6. Read the sentences carefully and choose one of the PAST TENSES to complete them.

1. At 8 p.m. in the evening, I _____ (**study**) for my exam.
2. Last year, they _____ (**travel**) to Italy and visited several famous cities.
3. The streets were wet because it _____ (**rain**) since early morning.
4. After they _____ (**eat**) dinner, they went for a walk.
5. Jessica _____ (**graduate**) from secondary school in 2024.
6. The children were excited because they _____ (**plan**) the trip for months.
7. She was nervous because she _____ (**not prepare**) for the presentation at home.
8. While they _____ (**walk**) through the park, they saw a beautiful sunset.

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