Past simple and past continuous; Past habits; Past perfect simple and past perfect continuous

1 Circle the correct option.

1 Peter applied for the job, but he ..... it.
a not get **b** didn't get **c** don't get

2 We ..... out last night to celebrate Sally's promotion.
a go **b** was going **c** went

3 The miners ..... in very dangerous conditions before the accident.
a working **b** wasn't working **c** were working

4 Steve ..... for an office job, but then he got an interview at a café.
a looked **b** was looking **c** were looking

5 Grace ..... all the necessary qualifications for the position.
a had not **b** wasn't having **c** didn't have

2 Use the words to write questions for the answers.

1 you/do shift work/last night
.....?
No, I wasn't.

2 where/go/at lunchtime/you
.....?
To the café.

3 Angela/be fired/why
.....?
Because she deleted some important files.

4 James/work/outdoors/yesterday
.....?
Yes, he was.

5 you/when/for the job/apply
.....?
Yesterday.

3 Circle the correct alternative.

1 We *used to be/would be* busy all day long, but there aren't so many customers these days thanks to the new supermarket across the road.

2 When they were young, they *would spend/spent* all day playing outside.

3 People *didn't use to/used to* take gap years when I was younger, but now it's quite common in the UK.

4 My father *used to work/usually worked* for a bank, but he's retired now.

5 I remember my grandfather *would always have/always had* lunch at exactly 1 o'clock on Sundays.

4 Complete the text with the words given.

I (1) ..... (study) hard in my final year at school, so I decided to take a gap year. I (2) ..... (dive) since I was ten years old so I got a job as a scuba diving instructor in Thailand. I (3) ..... (teach) there for three months when my friend Joe arrived. He (4) ..... (not dive) before. He (5) ..... (just finish) his advanced diving course when I was offered a job in Indonesia. We travelled there together. He (6) ..... (got) any work organised, but he found a job as a tour guide. After six months, we came back to the UK to start university. It was a fantastic experience.

5 Find and correct the mistakes.

1 They were very unhappy because they had be made redundant.

2 The volunteers had been searched in very difficult conditions for hours.

3 I had be working overtime every day for two weeks and I was exhausted.

4 Jack has turned down the job offer before I had time to discuss it with him.

5 The man had be in a hurry which was why he was driving too fast.

6 Complete the text with the correct form of these verbs.

establish • find • know • love • make • never hear • surf • work

Sweet work

While I (1) ..... the Internet the other day I (2) ..... an article about a chocolate consultant. I (3) ..... of this job before so I investigated further. (4) ..... that there really are professional chocolate consultants? Jennifer Earle is one woman with this job description. She says she (5) ..... chocolate. She described how when she was young she used to steal chocolate snacks from her mother's kitchen. Her mother (6) ..... her hot chocolate for breakfast every day, too. Now, she enjoys advising companies about chocolate products. Dom Ramsey is another chocolate expert. He (7) ..... as a web developer when he decided to follow his love of chocolate and he set up Chocablog in 2006. He then (8) ..... the Bean&Bar database and is now working on Damson Chocolate products. Could this be the job for you?

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