

MOCK EXAM – PAST SIMPLE & PAST CONTINUOUS

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: May, 27th

PART 1 – READING COMPREHENSION

Read the text carefully.

The Strange Night at Blackwood School

Last Friday, Emma stayed late at school because she had to finish a science project. Most students had already gone home, and the building was unusually quiet. While she was working in the library, the lights suddenly went out for a few seconds. Emma felt nervous, but she continued working.

At around 6:30 p.m., she heard a loud noise coming from the gym. At first, she thought it was the wind, but the sound became louder and louder. While Emma was walking down the corridor, she noticed that one classroom door was slowly opening by itself. She stopped immediately and listened carefully.

At that moment, the school caretaker, Mr. Harris, appeared at the end of the hall carrying a flashlight. He explained that a strong storm was causing electrical problems in the building. Emma felt relieved and followed him to the gym. When they arrived, they discovered that several sports equipment boxes had fallen onto the floor because one of the windows was open.

While Mr. Harris was closing the window, Emma suddenly remembered something important: she had left her backpack in the library. She ran back quickly, but when she entered the room, she saw that all her papers were flying around because another window had opened during the storm.

By the time Emma finally left the school, it was already dark outside. Although the evening had been frightening, she laughed about it later when she told her parents the whole story

A. TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH INFORMATION FROM THE TEXT.

1. Emma immediately left the school when the lights went out.

2. The strange noises were caused by a storm.

3. Emma's backpack disappeared from the library.

B. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

1. Why was Emma staying late at school?

2. What was Mr. Harris carrying when Emma saw him?

3. Why were the papers flying around the library?

4. How did Emma feel at the end of the story?

C. FIND IN THE TEXT:

1. A synonym of "scared": _____
2. A word related to weather: _____
3. A verb in past continuous: _____
4. A sentence in past simple: _____

PART 2 – USE OF ENGLISH

A. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE PAST SIMPLE FORM OF THE VERBS IN BRACKETS.

1. Yesterday, my friends _____ (go) to the cinema.
2. My brother _____ (not / study) for the test.
3. _____ you _____ (see) the new student yesterday?
4. We _____ (have) dinner at my grandmother's house last Sunday.
5. The teacher _____ (give) us a lot of homework.
6. I _____ (wake up) late because my alarm didn't ring.
7. They _____ (buy) new clothes for the party.
8. Sarah _____ (write) an email to her cousin last night.

B. CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION.

1. While I **watched** / **was watching** TV, my phone rang.
2. They **played** / **were playing** football when it started to rain.
3. My mother **cooked** / **was cooking** dinner at 8 p.m.
4. We **walked** / **were walking** home when we saw the accident.
5. Tom **slept** / **was sleeping** when the dog barked.
6. At midnight, I **studied** / **was studying** for the exam.

C. COMPLETE THE TEXT WITH THE PAST SIMPLE OR PAST CONTINUOUS OF THE VERBS IN BRACKETS.

Last Saturday, my family and I _____ (drive) to the countryside when our car suddenly _____ (stop). My dad _____ (try) to start the engine while my mother _____ (call) a mechanic. While we _____ (wait), it _____ (begin) to rain heavily. Luckily, a farmer nearby _____ (see) us and _____ (offer) to help. After two hours, the mechanic finally _____ (arrive) and _____ (fix) the car.

PART 3 – CORRECT THE MISTAKES

1. While I did my homework, my sister was listening to music.

2. They were play football when the teacher arrived.

3. My parents watched TV when I was arriving home.

4. She fell while she was ride her bike.

5. We were having dinner when the lights were going out.

WRITE A STORY (120–160 WORDS)

- Be coherent and cohesive.
- Use paragraphs.
- Include past simple and past continuous correctly.
- Include descriptions and clear events.
- Use connectors (while, suddenly, then, because, etc.).
- Have a clear beginning, middle and ending

"When I opened the door, I couldn't believe what I saw."

Write a story that includes ALL the following elements:

- Main character: a girl teenager
- Genre: mystery
- Setting: during a stormy night
- An important object: an old key
- A surprising event: the electricity goes out
- Ending: someone reveals a secret

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