HOMEWORK - PAST TENSES REVISION

Exercise 1. Match the sentences (1–12) with the correct description (a–l).

_____ 1 It was raining and the wind was blowing.
_____ 2 He was exhausted because he had been walking all day.
_____ 3 There was no milk left because Jack had drunk it all.
_____ 4 She had finished by 8 o'clock.
_____ 5 The storm broke out after we had been driving for four hours.
_____ 6 He got into the car, started the engine and drove away.
_____ 7 The party had already started by the time I arrived.
_____ 8 Heath Ledger died in 2008.
_____ 9 I was cycling to work when I fell off my bike.
_____ 10 The Beatles made lots of records.
_____ 11 I was sleeping at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.
_____ 12 She had been trying to find a job in Hollywood for years before she moved to Miami.

a past equivalent of the Present Perfect
b action that was in progress at a stated past time
c past actions which happened one after the other
d action which is not connected with the present and happened at a definite past time not mentioned
e background description to events in a story
f emphasis on the duration of an action which started and finished in the past before another past action or a stated time in the past
g past equivalent of the Present Perfect Continuous
h past action which occurred before another action
i past action in progress interrupted by another
j past action which occurred before a stated time in the past
k event which happened at a stated past time
l past action of certain duration which had visible results in the past

Exercise 2. A teacher is talking to a student. Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or the past continuous. Then choose the correct use (A–C) for each answer.

Uses
A. A completed action or state in the past.
B. An action in progress at a particular time in the past.
C. A longer action interrupted by a shorter action.

Teacher: James, why is your leg in a plaster cast? What 1) ....happened.... (happen)?
James: Well, yesterday afternoon when I 2) _____ (walk) home from school, I 3) _____ (slip) over on the ice and 4) _____ (break) my ankle.
Teacher: How awful!

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James: It 5) _____ (be). And I 6) _____ (not/have) any credit on my mobile to call my parents.
Teacher: So, how did you get to hospital?
James: Well, I 7) _____ (lie) on the ground wondering what to do when, all of a sudden, I 8) _____ (see) my next door neighbour. He 9) _____ (take) his dog for a walk.
Teacher: That was lucky.
James: I know. Anyway, he 10) _____ (phone) my mum and she 11) _____ (come) and 12) _____ (take) me to hospital.
Teacher: Well, I'm very glad someone 13) _____ (find) you and I hope your leg mends soon.

Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Use	A												

Exercise 3. Put the verbs in brackets into the *past simple* or the *past perfect*. State which action happened first.
1 When I ....*left*.... (leave) the house, I ....*realised*.... (realise) that I ....*had forgotten*.... (forget) to take my keys with me.
First action: ....*had forgotten*....
2 After I _____ (finish) digging the garden, I _____ (decide) to go for a walk.
First action: _____
3 I _____ (lend) Alisha some money only after she _____ (promise) to give it back the next day.
First action: _____
4 Kate _____ (study) for her Maths test before she _____ (go) out with her friends.
First action: _____
5 I _____ (buy) Beckie a plant yesterday because she _____ (sing) so well in the concert the night before.
First action: _____

Exercise 4. Put the verb into the most suitable form, past continuous (I was doing), past perfect (I had done) or past perfect continuous (I had been doing). Then choose the correct use (A–D) for each answer.

Uses
A. An action in progress at a particular time in the past.
B. An action completed before another past action.
C. An action that continued for a period of time before another past action (emphasis on duration).
D. An action that continued up to a point in the past and produced a visible result.

1 It was very noisy next door. Our neighbours *were having* (have) a party.

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2 We were good friends. *We'd known* (we / know) each other for years.
3 John and I went for a walk. I had difficulty keeping up with him because _____ (he / walk) so fast.
4 Sue was sitting on the ground. She was out of breath. _____ (she / run).
5 When I arrived, everybody was sitting round the table with their mouths full. _____ (they / eat).
6 When I arrived, everybody was sitting round the table and talking. Their mouths were empty, but their stomachs were full. _____ (they / eat).
7 James was on his hands and knees on the floor. _____ (he / look) for his contact lens.
8 When I arrived, Kate _____ (wait) for me. She was annoyed because I was late and _____ (she / wait) for a long time.
9 I was sad when I sold my car. _____ (I / have) it for a very long time.
10 We were extremely tired at the end of the journey. _____ (we / travel) for more than 24 hours.

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Use	A	B						;		

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