SMART STEP
ASSOCIATES

UNIT 32 – WORKSHEET

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PAST PERFECT

TASK A. Complete the story, writing the correct tense (Past simple, Past progressive or Past Perfect) and form of the verbs between brackets:



Last summer, four friends – Tom, Jack, Sally and Samantha..... (travel) with their families to the Amazon rainforest on holiday. The teenagers..... (not/be/supposed) to walk through the forest on their own but they ..... (not/resist) having a rainforest adventure!
They..... (set off) early in the morning with a pair of binoculars, a matchbox, a camera, a torch, some sandwiches and some water in their rucksacks. At the last minute, Sally and Samantha ..... (decide) not to go, because they .....(think) they'd get too tired.
Tom..... (take) landscape photos while Jack ..... (try) to observe the birds and animals with his binoculars. Under a huge old tree, they ..... (find) a canoe that ..... (certainly/be) there for a long time because it was covered with a heap of dry branches and leaves. The boys..... (have) so much fun that they ..... (completely forget) to mark their way on the map. They..... (see) so many beautiful birds and noisy monkeys leaping from branch to branch, they ..... (hear) such strange sounds as they ..... (walk) through the forest! They..... (never/experience) anything like that before. At about midday, the boys..... (be) hungry and thirsty. That was when they..... (remember) that the girls .....(put) the sandwiches in *their* rucksacks.
Now, with no mobile phones and without anything to eat, what would they do?....

TASK B. Put the verb in brackets into the *past simple, past perfect or past perfect progressive*:

1. _____ (you/study) French before you _____ (move) to France?
2. How long _____ (you/wait) to get on the bus? Two hours!!!!.
3. I _____ (not have) any money because I _____ (lose) my purse.
4. I _____ (try) to get through to her for months before she finally _____ (answer) my email.
5. I _____ (never/be) to the theatre before last night.
6. James _____ (teach) at the university for more than a year before he _____ (go) to Asia.
7. The old woman _____ (want) to sit down because she _____ (stand) for a long time.
8. They _____ (feel) bad about selling the house because they _____ (own) it for more than forty years.
9. We couldn't get a hotel room anywhere because we _____ (not/book) in advance.
10. We _____ (have) that car for ten years before it _____ (break) down.

TASK C. Complete the sentences using the *past simple or the past perfect*:

1. She soon _____ (realize) that she _____ (spend) all her money.
2. He _____ (be) tired because he _____ (not eat) anything since the morning.
3. When all the guests _____ (leave) I _____ (start) tidying.
4. As soon as Jack _____ (eat) his ice-cream he _____ (go) to buy another one.
5. The police never _____ (find out) where he _____ (hide) the money.
6. We _____ (not recognize) her. She _____ (cut) her hair.
7. She _____ (be) very upset because he _____ (not answer) her e-mails.
8. I _____ (know) my wife for 5 years before we finally _____ (marry) in 2009.
9. The film already _____ (start) when we _____ (arrive).
10. I am trying to sell my farm, but I _____ (not have) any offers so far.

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TASK D. Read the dialogue and complete the gaps *with past simple, past continuous, past perfect or past perfect continuous* of the verb in brackets

WHICH PAST TENSE?

James and Arthur were very good friends some years ago, but they haven't seen each other for a very long time. They ran into each other on the street the other day.

Arthur: James! It's been forever! How you've been?

James: Hi Arthur! I know, it's been ages. I _____(be) fine, you know. Working mostly.

Arthur: But you _____ (move) out of London, didn't you?

James: Yeah, I _____ (live) in Manchester for 5 years now.

Arthur: And before that?

James: I _____ (live) all over the country. I _____ (stay) in almost every big city and some small villages too. It_____ (be) great really, though a bit tiring too.

Arthur: What _____ (do) in all this time?

James: I _____(work) on an "Illustrated Tourism Guide of Great Britain". Basically, I _____(take) lots of photos and _____(gather) information about the places. I _____ (publish) by Bloomsbury last month.

Arthur: That's awesome! Congratulations! Well, you always did love travelling

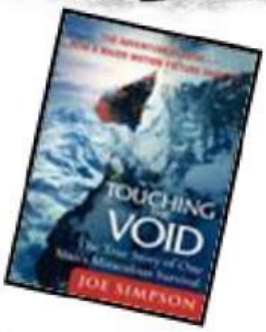
James: Yeah! And you? What _____ (be) up to lately?

Arthur: Nothing as interesting as you! I _____(be stuck) up in an office for the past 6 years. I _____(look) for a new job lately but, I guess I _____(get) old.

James: Nonsense! You _____ (look) in the wrong places, certainly. I'm sure I could help.

Arthur: Really? That's fabulous! Thank you mate!

TASK E. Complete the text with the correct past form of the verbs.



I _____ (see) a great film last weekend, called *Touching the Void*. It _____ (be) about two climbers who _____ (try) to climb the Siula Grande peak in the Andes. No one else _____ (manage) to reach the summit successfully before.

Before they _____ (start), they _____ (agree) that if there _____ (be) an accident, they would be prepared to die.

They _____ (climb) for a few hours when suddenly one of the climbers _____ (slip) and _____ (fall) into a narrow canyon. In the fall he _____ (bang) his head on the rocks and _____ (lose) consciousness. The other climber _____ (decide) to cut the rope and leave his friend to die.

The film is based on a book but I _____ (not read) the book before I saw the film. It was such a fantastic film that I _____ (buy) the book as soon as I _____ (leave) the cinema!



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