

**Unit 19**  
**Test: Past tenses**

Task 1. Choose the option that best fits the sentence.

1. When Patricia.....into her car, she remembered she..... the water boiler on.

- A) was getting / has left
- B) got / had left
- C) had got / leaves
- D) got/ was leaving

2. We.....our meal on the train as it .....across the beautiful countryside.

- A) have enjoyed / is going
- B) enjoyed / had gone
- C) had been enjoying / has gone
- D) were enjoying/ was going

3. They ..... for only a few minutes when they .....a flat tyre.

- A) had been travelling / had
- B) have travelled / were having
- C) travelled / have had
- D) were travelling / had

4. Grandpa .....his last car for thirty years when he .....it last year.

- A) was having / sold
- B) had / had sold
- C) had / was selling
- D) had had / sold

5. Vegetables and fruits don't taste as delicious as they.....when I.....a kid.

- A) did / have been
- B) have done / was
- C) were doing / had been
- D) used to / was

6. It was a real surprise because she.....no idea that they .....a birthday party for her.

- A) has had / were organizing
- B) had / have been organizing
- C) was having / organized
- D) had / had organized

7. Janette.....all her friends for advice before she.....to quit her job.

- A) had asked / decided
- B) was asking / has decided
- C) has asked / decides
- D) has been asking / had decided

8. They .....the whole building by the time the fire.....to all the floors.

- A) evacuated/had spread
- B) had evacuated / spread
- C) were evacuating / has spread
- D) evacuated / was spreading

Task 2. Write the verbs in brackets in the appropriate past tense.

1.A: What ..... (you, do) when the accident occurred? B: I  
..... (try) to change a light bulb that ..... (burn) out.

2. The Maya established a very advanced civilization in the jungles of the Yucatan; however, their culture  
..... (disappear, virtually) by the time Europeans first ..... (arrive) in  
the New World.

3. When I .....(arrive) home last night, I discovered that Jane .....(prepare) a  
beautiful candlelight dinner.

4. This time last year I ..... (cycle) in the rain along a country road in France with a friend of mine.  
Neither of us ..... (go) to France before but we ..... (know) some French  
from our time at school. Now we ..... (wonder) if we ..... (make) the  
right decision.

5. We ..... (plan) our route for a long time in advance, but we ..... (forget)  
one important thing - the weather! It ..... (rain) solidly ever since our arrival and that  
night we ..... (end up) sleeping in the waiting room at a railway station.