

A) Memories of my first day at school: Read and write the letter you choose

I remember my first day at school very well. I knew the school quite well because my older sister, Sandy, went there and every day, dad and I met her at the school gate after school. Every day, she ran out of the school with her friends. She often carried a painting. I felt jealous. I wanted to paint too!

I was five years old when I started school. Most children in my class started school in September, but I started school in January, when I was five years old, because my birthday is in December. Three other kids started school on the same day as me. I was excited about my first day. I had my new uniform: a black skirt, a white t-shirt and green jumper, and a new red bag. When we arrived that day, a teacher met the new children at the school gate. Dad hugged me and said goodbye. I stood with the other children. I didn't talk to them because I was too nervous. Then, Mrs Wilson took us to our classroom. All the other children were already there. They looked at us when we entered the room. When thirty children looked at me, I started to cry!

But I wasn't upset for long. I sat with the other children on the carpet and the class teacher, Miss Holland, read us a story. Later, we drew pictures with coloured pencils, and at break time, I made friends with a girl called Megan. At the end of the day, I ran to the school gate with Megan and my picture, just like Sandy always did.

1- The writer was jealous of Sandy because she _____ at school.

- a. learned to write
- b. painted pictures
- c. had many friends

2- The writer started school in _____.

- a. September
- b. December
- c. January

3- The writer and _____ other children started school that day.

- a. three
- b. five
- c. thirty

4- Before the writer started school, she felt _____.

- a. excited
- b. nervous
- c. upset

5- The writer started to cry when _____.

- a. her father left.

- b. she entered the school
- c. other children looked at her

6. On the first day, the writer ____.

- a. learned to read
- b. listened to a story
- c. painted a picture

B) Complete the sentences using the correct form of the present simple and continuous or past simple and continuous

1. You can't see Jimmy now. He _____ a bath. (HAVE)
2. He _____ to the theatre. (NEVER GO)
3. Mrs Smith _____ past the house in Sunset Street when she _____ fire on the ground floor. (DRIVE, SEE)
4. Anne _____ all her clothes herself. At the moment she _____ a dress for a fancy dress party (MAKE, MAKE).
5. The fireman _____ the fire on the balcony below when he suddenly _____ someone shouting. (FIGHT, HEAR)
6. He usually _____ coffee for breakfast, but today he _____ tea (HAVE, HAVE).
7. I can't go home now because it _____, and I _____ an umbrella. (RAIN, NOT HAVE).
8. I _____ my wallet while I _____ my bike. (LOSE, RIDE)
9. Who _____ that terrible noise outside? – It's Dad. He _____ the lawn. (MAKE, MOW)
10. She _____ while she _____ after the bus. (FALL, RUN)
11. I _____ this weekend near the coast. I _____ there nearly every weekend. (SPEND, GO)
12. She _____ thirty cigarettes a day but at the moment she _____ to stop. (SMOKE, TRY)
13. Alice _____ herself while she _____ football. (HURT, PLAY)
14. We _____ dinner when the lights _____ out. (HAVE, GO)
15. I _____ her while I _____ out of the window. (SEE, LOOK)