

**Exercise 1: Give the correct forms (Past Simple or Past Continuous) of the verbs given in the brackets.**

1. Susan \_\_\_\_\_ (study) in her room when she heard the noise.
2. What \_\_\_\_\_ (they, do) at eleven p.m. last night - it was so noisy?
3. After going to the library, I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) Jane and we went out for some coffee.
4. I was eight years old when my elder sister \_\_\_\_\_ (teach) me how to ride a bike.
5. John \_\_\_\_\_ (not go) to school last week because he was ill.
6. I didn't know anything about the plane crash in my neighborhood because I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) inside at that time.
7. My mother \_\_\_\_\_ (give) me ten dollars and asked me to go to the supermarket.
8. The children \_\_\_\_\_ (play) in the living room when they broke the vase.
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) this coat in 2009, but it is still fashionable.
10. My grandmother was making breakfast while my grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ (do) the gardening.

**Exercise 2: Choose the options that best fit the blanks.**

1. What \_\_\_\_ in Paris in 2004?  
A. did you do      B. were you doing      C. you did      D. were you
2. I \_\_\_\_ in the queue when I \_\_\_\_ that I had lost my wallet.  
A. was standing - was realizing      B. stood - was realizing  
C. was standing - realized      D. stood - realized
3. What \_\_\_\_ when you injured your finger? - I was playing volleyball.  
A. did you do      B. were you      C. you did      D. were you doing
4. This time last week, we \_\_\_\_ for the exam. It was so hot in the examination room.  
A. would have been sitting      B. had been sitting      C. sat      D. were sitting
5. When I first saw Miriam, I \_\_\_\_ her to come in for tea and we talked for nearly two hours.  
A. invited      B. invite      C. have invited      D. was inviting
6. The girls were chatting \_\_\_\_ the boys were playing games.  
A. when      B. while      C. during      D. at the same time
7. While the teacher was explaining to the whole class, she \_\_\_\_ carefully.  
A. didn't listen      B. wasn't listening      C. had listened      D. wasn't listened
8. We arrived at the hotel quite early, \_\_\_\_ in and had lunch.  
A. checking      B. checked      C. was checking      D. to check
9. She \_\_\_\_ in Provence, France for two years when she was a student.  
A. was living      B. lived      C. had lived      D. has lived
10. \_\_\_\_ my mother and I were cooking in the kitchen, John came in and broke the dish.  
A. When      B. While      C. During      D. Both A & B are correct.