

PRACTICE EXERCISES

A. PAST SIMPLE TENSE & PAST CONTINUOUS

1. Complete the sentences. Put the verb into the correct form, positive or negative.

Example: 1 It was warm, so I **took** off my coat. (take)

Example: 2 The film wasn't very good. I **didn't enjoy** it much. (enjoy)

3 I knew Sarah was busy, so I her. (disturb)

4 We were very tired, so we the party early. (leave)

5 It was hard carrying the bags. They really heavy. (be)

6 The bed was very uncomfortable. I well. (sleep)

7 This watch wasn't expensive. It much. (cost)

8 The window was open and a bird into the room. (fly)

9 I was in a hurry, so I time to call you. (have)

10 I didn't like the hotel. The room very clean. (be)

2. Complete the sentences using the following verbs in the correct form:

buy catch cost fall hurt sell spend teach throw write

Example: 1 Mozart **wrote** more than 600 pieces of music.

2 'How did you learn to drive?' 'My father me.'

3 We couldn't afford to keep our car, so we it.

4 Dave down the stairs this morning and his leg.

5 Joe the ball to Sue, who it.

6 Kate a lot of money yesterday. She a dress which £100

3. Put the verb into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.

Example: 1 Jenny **was waiting** (wait) for me when I **arrived** (arrive).

2 'What (you / do) at this time yesterday?' 'I was asleep.'

3 ' (you / go) out last night?' 'No, I was too tired.'

4 How fast (you / drive) when the accident (happen)?

5 Sam (take) a picture of me while I (not / look).

6 We were in a very difficult position. We (not / know) what to do, so we (do) nothing.

7 I haven't seen Alan for ages. When I last (see) him, he (try) to find a job.

8 I (walk) along the street when suddenly I (hear) something behind me.

Somebody (follow) me. I was scared and I (start) to run.

9 When I was young, I (want) to be a pilot. Later I (change) my mind.

10 Last night I (drop) a plate when I (do) the washing up. Fortunately it (not / break).

B. USED TO

1. Complete the sentences with “used to” and the correct form of the verbs

Example: 1 Lisa **used to have** (have) very long hair when she was a child.

2 We (watch) TV a lot, but we don't have a TV any more.

3 Lisa works in a shop now. She (be) a receptionist in a hotel.

4 What games you (play) when you were a child?

5 I (like) big cities, but now I prefer the countryside.

6 In your last job, how many hours a day did you (work)?

7 I (be able) to run ten kilometres, but I can't run that far now.

8 These days I eat more than before. I (eat) as much.