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USE OF ENGLISH

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**TASK 1. CHOOSE THE CORRECT TENSE**

- 1 They **fished/were fishing** on the lake when they **saw/were seeing** the monster.
- 2 James **watches/is watching** his favourite team play tonight.
- 3 Sorry, I **wasn't hearing/didn't hear** the phone; I **listened/was listening** to music.
- 4 The town **holds/is holding** a film festival every year in October.
- 5 What time **does the race start/is the race starting**?
- 6 How exactly **did it happen/was it happening**?

**TASK 2. COMPLETE THE POSTCARD WITH THE present simple/present continuous, past simple/past continuous**

Dear Annie,  
Greetings from Nur Sultan! It 1) ..... (be)  
freezing cold here, but I 2) ..... (have)  
the time of my life! Yesterday, it 3) .....  
(snow) all day, so we 4) ..... (visit), the  
famous Khan Shatyr shopping centre. As we  
5) ..... (walk) around the shops, I  
6) ..... (see) a beautiful red winter coat.  
I 7) ..... (go) straight inside the shop to  
buy it. I 8) ..... (wear) it today and I  
9) ..... (love) it!  
At the moment, I 10) ..... (sit) in a  
lovely café and I 11) ..... (drink) a cup  
of hot chocolate. Tonight, we 12) .....  
(go) skating on the frozen river. I can't wait!  
See you when I get back,  
Tracey

**TASK 3. PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS INTO THE present perfect or past perfect**

- 1 ..... (you/see) him lately?
- 2 She ..... (do) a survival course before she climbed the mountain alone.
- 3 We ..... (be) to Scotland twice so far.
- 4 By the time she arrived, he ..... (leave).
- 5 John isn't here. He ..... (go) out.
- 6 He ..... (never/have) such a strange dream before.