

Fill in the blank spaces with the past simple or the past continuous of the verb in brackets	
The children (visit)_____ their grandparents last Sunday.	
Alex (make)_____ model aeroplanes from 4pm to midnight yesterday.	
While I (go)_____ to school, I (meet)_____ my friend, Kate.	
Last night, while Jane (wash)_____ dishes, her brother (sweep)_____ the dining room.	
My grandfather (plant)_____ those trees over fifty years ago.	
When I (be)_____ a child, I always (kick)_____ my ball through the windows.	
At 12 o'clock yesterday, we (lie)_____ on the beach.	
Alex (wake)_____ up late yesterday and (miss)_____ the bus.	
They (watch)_____ TV when the earthquake (begin)_____.	
I was very tired yesterday because I (work)_____ hard all day.	
Chirst often (go)_____ fishing last summer.	
As Ann (clean)_____ her room, she (find)_____ her lost earring.	
When I (drop)_____ my cup, the coffee (spill)_____ on my shirt.	
At this time last year we (work)_____ in Saudi Arabia. We (live)_____ there for five years before moving to England.	
When I (study)_____ at university, I (read)_____ a lot of books.	
Miss Brown (teach)_____ us last week because our teacher was ill.	
He (teach)_____ at Harvard University in 1985.	
My sister (always/ ask)_____ silly questions when she was a child.	
My sister and I (watch)_____ the cartoons on TV every Saturday last year.	
I (run)_____ to class when I (fall)_____ down the stairs.	
Past simple or present perfect.	
We (live)_____ here for over twenty years.	
He (live)_____ in London for two years and then (go)_____ to Edinburgh.	
My brother (write)_____ several plays so far. He (just/ finish)_____ his second tragedy.	
Chopin (compose)_____ some of his music in Majorca.	
Tom (not buy)_____ a new computer yet.	
I (play)_____ football very often when I (be)_____ younger.	
Angela (not see)_____ Christ since 1998.	
He (lose)_____ his job last month and since then he (be)_____ out of work.	
Mike (not go)_____ to the cinema with us last Saturday.	
We 9not meet)_____ Mark since he (leave)_____ the town five years ago.	
I (never/ hear)_____ "The Who" playing, but I'd like to.	

_____ (you/ finish) that work yet?	
He (already/ pack) _____ his suitcase.	
_____ (you/ meet) Jane recently?	
I (meet) _____ my aunt two years ago.	
_____ (your father/ ever/ fly) a plane before?	
We (eat) _____ in this restaurant several times.	
_____ (Jane/ ride) a horse last holiday?	
It's the first time she (ride) _____ a horse.	
She (play) _____ a lot of tennis since she (get) _____ her new tennis racket.	
Put the verb in the blank in the present perfect simple or the present perfect progressive. Sometimes both tenses are correct.	
I (clean) _____ the house all day so I feel tired.	
She (not buy) _____ any new clothes for years.	
My hands are dirty because I (garden) _____.	
We (wait) _____ for hours but she (not arrive) _____ yet.	
Since Christmas she (write) _____ to me twice.	
They (live) _____ in Ho Chi Minh city since 1970.	
You can't talk to John because he (go) _____ out.	
Mr. Robinson (teach) _____ in this school for fifteen years.	
My hand is tired because I (write) _____ letters all morning.	
They (see) _____ that film before so they don't want to see it again.	
How long _____ (you/ know) Mike? – I (know) _____ him since we were in secondary school.	
They (build) _____ the house next door for months but it is not finished yet.	
You (study) _____ for five straight hours. Why don't you take a break?	
Mark (run) _____ very fast and is out of breath now.	
He (play) _____ for the school team in 25 matches so far.	