

HOMEWORK

Exercise I: Circle the correct answer:

1. Mary **prepared** / **was preparing** lunch when they **came** / **was coming**.
2. Tom was very unlucky. It **rained** / **was raining** every day during his holidays.
3. Who was that nice girl you **talked** / **were talking** to when I **walked** / **was walking** by the pub?
4. Last weekend Susan **fell** / **was falling** and **broke** / **was breaking** her leg.
5. When I **entered** / **was entering** the cafeteria Mary **had** / **was having** lunch with Peter.
6. We **drove** / **were driving** to Berlin in Robert's new car.
7. The sun **shone** / **was shining** brightly when I **got up** / **was getting up** this morning.
8. Ann finally **told** / **was telling** us the whole story about Peter.

Exercise II: Open brackets, using Past Simple Tense or Past Continuous Tense:

1. As Sophie _____ (walk) up Regent Street, she _____ (meet) an old friend from college.
2. When _____ (father/arrive) yesterday?
He _____ (arrive) late. The train had been delayed due to an accident.
3. Who _____ (you/ speak) to on the phone when I _____ (come) in?
4. Mary _____ (read) in bed when she _____ (hear) a strange noise downstairs.
5. When Mr. Lawrence _____ (leave) home at 8.30 this morning, the sun _____ (shine) brightly. However, at 10 o'clock it _____ (rain) heavily.
6. Sebastian _____ (arrive) at Susan's house a little before 11 a.m., but she _____ (not/be) there. She _____ (study) at the library.
7. The fireman _____ (rescue) a 75-year-old woman who had been trapped on the second floor of the burning building.
8. _____ (you/do) any shopping yesterday?
9. Yesterday Jane _____ (fall) and _____ (hurt) herself while she _____ (ride) her bicycle.
10. What _____ (Peter / do) when you _____ (knock) on his door?

Exercise III: Complete the sentences using the verbs in brackets. Use the present perfect where possible. Otherwise use the past simple

1. I can't get in. (my home) I..... (lose) my key.

2. The office is empty now. Everybody (go) home.
3. I meant to call you last night but I (forget).
4. Mary (go) to Egypt for a holiday, but she's back home in England now.
5. Are you OK? Yes I (have) a headache, but I feel fine now.
6. Can you help us? Our car (break) down.
7. It (stop) raining for a while, but now it's raining again.
8. The town is very different now. It (change) a lot
9. I did German at school but I (forget) most of it now
10. The police (arrest) three people, but later they let them go
11. What do you think of my English? Do you think it (improve)?
12. A: Are you still reading the paper?
B: No, I (finish) with it. You can have it
13. I (apply) for a job as a tourist guide, but I wasn't successful.
14. Where's my bike? It (be) outside the house, but it's not there now.
15. Look! There's an ambulance over there. There (be) an accident.
16. A: Have you heard about Ben? He (break) his arm.
B: Really? How that (happen)?
A: He (fall) off a ladder.
17. I don't know where Lisa is. You (see) her?
18. When I (get) home last night, I (be) very tired and I (go) straight to bed.
19. A: (you/ finish) painting the bedroom?
B: Not yet. I'll finish it tomorrow.
20. George (not/be) very well last week.
21. Mr. Clark (work) in a bank for 15 years. Then he gave it up.
22. Molly lives in Dublin. She (live) there all her life.
23. A: (you/ go) to the cinema last night?
B: Yes, but it (be) a mistake. The film (be) awful
24. My grandfather (die) before I was born. I (never/ meet) him.
25. I don't know Carol's husband. I (never/ meet) him.
26. A: Is Martin here?
B: No, he (go) out.
A: When exactly (he/ go) out?
B: About ten minutes ago.

27. A: Where do you live?

B: In Boston.

A: How long (you/ live) there?

B: Five years

A: Where (you/ live) before that?

B : In Chicago.

A: And how long..... (you/ live) in Chicago?

B: Two years

Exercise IV: Are the underlined parts of these sentences right or wrong? Correct them where necessary.

1. Do you know about Sue? She's given up her job.
2. My mother has grown up in Scotland.
3. How many plays has Shakespeare written?
4. Ow! I've cut my finger. It's bleeding.
5. Drugs have become a big problem everywhere
6. The Chinese have invented paper.
7. Where have you been born?
8. Mary isn't at home. She's gone shopping.
9. Albert Einstein has been the scient who has developed the theory of relativity
10. I've lost my key. I can't find it anywhere.