Test B: Past Simple and Past Continuous

A

Put in the Past Simple of the verbs in brackets.

▶ The car stopped (stop) at the lights.
1 We ..... (leave) the cinema before the end of the film.
2 The streets ..... (be) crowded with people.
3 My grandmother ..... (die) last year.
4 Everyone ..... (have) a marvellous time.
5 We ..... (not / like) the food they gave us.
6 Claire ..... (go) to Egypt last month.
7 The accident ..... (happen) last weekend.
8 It ..... (not / be) a very comfortable journey.
9 I ..... (know) that ages ago.

B

Write a second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the word in brackets.

▶ There were lights on the spacecraft. (had)
The spacecraft had lights on it.
1 I had my old coat on. (wearing)
.....
2 I was on holiday, and you were on holiday, too. (we)
.....
3 It isn't true that I made a mistake. (didn't)
.....
4 The boys were in the middle of a game of cards. (playing)
.....
5 No one told me about the change of plan. (know)
.....
6 My friend was the winner of the competition. (won)
.....
7 Is it a fact that the Romans built this wall? (did)
.....

C

Lorna Bright is a long-distance walker. Look at this part of her diary describing a morning's walk along the coast. Write the missing words. Use one word only in each space.

It was a fine day (▶) when I started out on the last part of my walk around the coast of Britain. The sun was (1) ....., and a light wind (2) ..... blowing from the south-west. I was pleased that it (3) ..... raining. I knew by now that I (4) ..... like rain. In fact I (5) ..... it. I (6) ..... along the cliff top and then down into the lovely little fishing village of Wellburn, past a café where people (7) ..... having morning coffee. Three miles past Wellburn I (8) ..... down for five minutes and (9) ..... a drink. Now it (10) ..... getting warmer, so I (11) ..... off one of my sweaters. I (12) ..... stop for long because I (13) ..... to reach Seabury by lunch-time. (14) ..... I finally got there, it (15) .....just after half past twelve.

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D

Each of these sentences has a mistake in it. Write the correct sentence.

▶ ~~The hotel were very quiet.~~
The hotel was very quiet.

1 ~~It was peaceful, and the birds were sing.~~

2 ~~I washed my hair when the phone rang.~~

3 ~~You came not to the club last night.~~

4 ~~It taked ages to get home.~~

5 ~~We tried to keep quiet because the baby sleeping.~~

6 ~~As I was watching him, the man was suddenly running away.~~

7 ~~We pass a petrol-station two minutes ago.~~

8 ~~Everything was seeming OK.~~

9 ~~Where bought you that bag?~~

10 ~~When I heard the alarm, I was leaving the room immediately.~~

E

Complete the sentences. Put in the correct form of each verb. Use the Past Continuous or Past Simple.

▶ When Martin arrived (arrive) home, Anna was talking (talk) to someone on the phone. Martin started (start) to get the tea.

1 I ..... (lie) in the bath when the phone ..... (ring). It ..... (stop) after a few rings.

2 It ..... (be) cold when we ..... (leave) the house that day, and a light snow ..... (fall).

3 Your friend who ..... (come) here the other day ..... (seem) very nice. I ..... (enjoy) meeting her.

4 When I ..... (see) the man, he ..... (stand) outside the bank. He ..... (have) a black baseball cap on.

5 When I ..... (open) the cupboard door, a pile of books ..... (fall) out.

6 I ..... (walk) along the street when I suddenly ..... (feel) something hit me in the back. I ..... (not / know) what it was.

7 We ..... (go) to London yesterday, but on the way we ..... (hear) about a bomb scare in Oxford Street. So we ..... (drive) back home straightaway.

8 Something very strange ..... (happen) to me on my way home from work yesterday afternoon. I ..... (drive) along the bypass at the time. Suddenly I ..... (see) my mother in the seat beside me. But she died three years ago.

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