Test Past Tenses

1) Read these sentences about a flight from London to New York and put the verbs in brackets into the Past Simple or the Past Continuous.

Five years ago, I had the most memorable flight to New York. While we (1)_____ were waiting (wait) for the plane to take off , the lady passenger next to me (2) _____ (ask) if she could borrow a pen. As we (3) _____ (talk), I realised from her accent that she came from my hometown. We (4) _____ (chat) constantly throughout the entire eight-hour journey and even (5) _____ (discover) we had attended the same school, although we (6) _____(be / not) in the same year group. This lady was a couple of years older than me, so while I (7) _____ (study) for my GCSE's, she (8) _____ (prepare) for her A-level exams. Although we were in different year groups at school, we did have some friends in common. In fact, she (9) _____ (visit) one of them on this trip! When we (10) _____ (arrive) in New York, we exchanged numbers and(11) _____ (promise) to keep in touch. Unfortunately, shortly after, I (12) _____ (lose) her contact details and she hasn't contacted me.

2) For each gap, put the verb in brackets into the Past Simple, Past Continuous, Past Perfect Simple or Past Perfect Continuous. You will need to make some of the verbs negative.

Our last family holiday was amazing! We (1) _____ (go) on our first activity holiday. It (2) _____ (be) a package holiday to Greece and all the activities (3) _____ (be) included in the price. I (4) _____ (do) many of the activities on offer, so I was excited to try some of them. I (5) _____ (go sailing) once before, but (6) _____ (try) any of the other water sports. By the second day of the holiday I (7) _____ (build up) enough courage to try waterskiing. My legs (8) _____ (feel) like jelly while the speed boat (9) _____ (pull) me along, but unbelievably I somehow (10) _____ (manage) to stay up. The whole experience felt brilliant. Before going on this trip, the activity I (11) _____ (look forward to) the most, was tennis. However, by far the best thing about this holiday was trying something new.