

Past Simple

Activity 1.

Complete the sentences using the following verbs in the correct form:

buy catch cost fall hurt sell spend teach throw write

- 1 Mozart wrote more than 600 pieces of music.
- 2 'How did you learn to drive?' 'My father me.'
- 3 We couldn't afford to keep our car, so we it.
- 4 Dave down the stairs this morning and his leg.
- 5 Joe the ball to Sue, who it.
- 6 Kate a lot of money yesterday. She a dress which £100.

Activity 2.

Complete the sentences. Put the verb into the correct form, positive or negative.

- 1 It was warm, so I took off my coat. (take)
- 2 The film wasn't very good. I didn't enjoy it much. (enjoy)
- 3 I knew Sarah was busy, so I her. (disturb)
- 4 We were very tired, so we the party early. (leave)
- 5 It was hard carrying the bags. They really heavy. (be)
- 6 The bed was very uncomfortable. I well. (sleep)
- 7 This watch wasn't expensive. It much. (cost)
- 8 The window was open and a bird into the room. (fly)
- 9 I was in a hurry, so I time to call you. (have)
- 10 I didn't like the hotel. The room very clean. (be)

Past continuous

Activity 3.

Complete the sentences. Choose from:

was looking was wearing wasn't listening weren't looking
was snowing was working were sitting were you going

- 1 Today Helen is wearing a skirt. Yesterday she was wearing trousers.
- 2 'What did he say?' 'I don't know. I'
- 3 We at the back of the theatre. We couldn't hear very well.
- 4 This time last year Steve on a farm.
- 5 They didn't see me. They in my direction.
- 6 The weather was bad. It was very cold and it
- 7 I saw you in your car. Where ?
- 8 I saw Kate a few minutes ago. She for you.

Activity 4.

Which goes with which?

- 1 When I got to the cafe
- 2 We fell asleep
- 3 Amy learnt Italian
- 4 Tom didn't come out with us
- 5 The car began to make a strange noise
- 6 The TV was on
- 7 When I first met Jessica

- a when she was living in Rome.
- b she was working in a clothes shop.
- c when I was driving home.
- d but nobody was watching it.
- e while we were watching a film.
- f my friends were waiting for me.
- g because he wasn't feeling well.

- 1 f
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Past perfect

Activity 5.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION

- 1.- When Anne opened / had opened the door, she realized that somebody broke/had broken into.
- 2.- Elisa was very upset because her computer disappeared / had disappeared yesterday.
- 3.- My cousin promised / had promised me to bring me a souvenir from France last month.
- 5.- By the time Julia left / had left the shop, she spent/had spent all her money on clothes.
- 6.- I didn't want to see that film because I saw / had seen it twice.
- 7.- Philip tidied / had tidied his bedroom before he left/had left for work.
- 8.- My husband did / had done the shopping after I called/had called him.
- 9.- Alfred had worked / worked in a bank for five years before he was sent to Rome.
- 10.- The judge said that she was guilty because she took / had taken the money for herself

Activity 6.

Put the verb into the correct form, past perfect (I had done) or past simple (I did).

- 1 Paul wasn't at the party when I arrived. He'd gone (He / go) home.
- 2 I felt very tired when I got home, so I went (I / go) straight to bed.
- 3 The house was very quiet when I got home. Everybody went (go) to bed.
- 4 Mark travels a lot. When I first met him, he had travelled (he / already / travel) round the world.
- 5 Sorry I'm late. The car broke (break) down on my way here.
- 6 We were driving along the road when we saw (we / see) a car which had broken (break) down, so we stopped (we / stop) to help.

used to (do)

Activity 7.

Complete the sentences with **used to** + a suitable verb.

- 1 Nicola used to travel a lot, but she doesn't go away much these days.
- 2 Sophie a motorbike, but last year she sold it and bought a car.
- 3 Our friends moved to Spain a few years ago. They in Paris.
- 4 Jackie my best friend, but we aren't friends any more.
- 5 I rarely eat ice cream now, but I it when I was a child.
- 6 It only takes me about 40 minutes to get to work now that the new road is open.
It more than an hour.
- 7 There a hotel near the airport, but it closed a long time ago.
- 8 I in a factory. It wasn't my favourite job.

Past tenses mixed.

Activity 8.

1. Yesterday afternoon Sarah (go) to the station to meet Paul. When she (get) there, Paul (already / wait) for her. His train (arrive) early.
2. When I (get) home, Ben (lie) on the sofa. The TV (be) on, but he (not / watch) it. He (fall) asleep and (snore) loudly. I (turn) the TV off and just then he (wake) up.
3. Last night I (just / go) to bed and (read) a book when suddenly I (hear) a noise. I (get) up to see what it was, but I (not / see) anything, so I (go) back to bed.
4. Lisa had to go to New York last week, but she almost (miss) the plane. She (stand) in the queue at the check-in desk when she suddenly (realise) that she (leave) her passport at home. Fortunately she lives near the airport, so she (have) time to take a taxi home to get it. She (get) back to the airport just in time for her flight.
5. I (meet) Peter and Lucy yesterday as I (walk) through the park. They (be) to the Sports Centre where they had been playing tennis. They (go) to a cafe and (invite) me to join them, but I (arrange) to meet another friend and (not / have) time.