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**A. Fill in the gaps with the past simple of the verbs in brackets.**

1. Yesterday, Hanna \_\_\_\_\_ (**post**) a letter to her cousins in Cape Town.
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ (**go**) to London two days ago for a business meeting.
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ (**eat**) at that fancy new restaurant last night.
4. Susan \_\_\_\_\_ (**go**) to bed at 9 p.m., \_\_\_\_\_ (**get up**) at 6 a.m. and \_\_\_\_\_ (**leave**) home around 11 to meet her father.
5. Last year, Peter \_\_\_\_\_ (**study**) hard for his exams.
6. It was a great trip, but I \_\_\_\_\_ (**not have**) time to see everything.
7. Alice \_\_\_\_\_ (**cook**) for herself when she was a student.
8. We \_\_\_\_\_ (**not/play**) basketball yesterday.
9. He \_\_\_\_\_ (**be**) very busy.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ (**he/watch**) TV last night?

**B. Fill in the gaps with the past continuous of the verbs in brackets.**

1. Susan \_\_\_\_\_ (**ask**) me the way to the cafeteria when you came in.
2. While they \_\_\_\_\_ (**try**) to figure out what was wrong with the computer the lights went out.
3. Last night, Kate \_\_\_\_\_ (**play**) snooker with her friends at the local pub.
4. My mother \_\_\_\_\_ (**phone**) my sister when I arrived home.
5. What \_\_\_\_\_ (**she/do**) yesterday afternoon? She \_\_\_\_\_ (**not work**).

**C. Choose the correct answer - past simple or past continuous.**

1. Alice **was having** / **had** lunch when I **was phoning** / **phoned** her.
2. Kim **wrote** / **was writing** a letter while George **was watching** / **watched** TV.
3. **Did you play** / **Were you playing** football when it **started** / **was starting** snowing?
4. They **paid** / **were paying** for their meal and **left** / **were leaving** the restaurant.
5. I **didn't sleep** / **wasn't sleeping** when my brother **came** / **was coming** home.

D. Fill in the gaps with the correct verb tense – **past simple** or **past continuous**:

1. Daniel and Frank \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) home when they \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a strange noise.

2. I'm afraid I \_\_\_\_\_ (not hear) what you said.

3. I \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) my wallet when I \_\_\_\_\_ (play) football with my friends.

4. They \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a party when the lights \_\_\_\_\_ (go) out.

5. When they \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) in Madrid it \_\_\_\_\_ (rain).

Good Work!