

## HOMEWORK – PAST TENSE CONTRAST

### 1 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple or the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a crash while I \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) to drive.
- 2 Sam \_\_\_\_\_ (get) his first job while he \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in London.
- 3 It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain), so we \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to cancel the barbecue.
- 4 What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) when I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) you in town?
- 5 Emma \_\_\_\_\_ (not hear) the phone ringing because she \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to music in her bedroom.
- 6 Ryan \_\_\_\_\_ (break) his arm while he \_\_\_\_\_ (ski) in France.
- 7 Harry \_\_\_\_\_ (work) as a chef when he \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) Sally.
- 8 You obviously \_\_\_\_\_ (not listen) when I \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) you to turn down the music.

### 2 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple or the past perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 My uncle and aunt \_\_\_\_\_ (already / get engaged) before they \_\_\_\_\_ (emigrate) to Australia.
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / can) buy anything because I \_\_\_\_\_ (forget) my wallet.
- 3 Robert \_\_\_\_\_ (be) upset because he \_\_\_\_\_ (split up) with his girlfriend.
- 4 Kelly \_\_\_\_\_ (start) her first business before she \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) university.
- 5 As soon as Sara \_\_\_\_\_ (inherit) the money from her grandmother, she \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a car.
- 6 By the time Joe \_\_\_\_\_ (retire), he \_\_\_\_\_ (become) a grandfather.
- 7 After Fred \_\_\_\_\_ (settle down) in London, he \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to have a change of career.
- 8 We \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) the weekend moving house, so we \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to bed very early on Sunday.

### 3 Choose the best ending (a or b) for the sentences.

- 1 We couldn't open the front door because  
a it had snowed all night. b it snowed all night.
- 2 It was a lovely spring day and the birds  
a sang. b were singing.
- 3 I looked out of the window and noticed that  
a it had stopped raining. b it was stopping raining.
- 4 The plants died because we  
a were forgetting to water them.  
b forgot to water them.
- 5 Before I left the house, I  
a locked all the windows. b was locking all the windows.
- 6 I wasn't particularly hungry because  
a I'd already had lunch. b I already had lunch.