

past simple, past continuous and past perfect

1. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the **past simple** or **past continuous**.

- a. I **was going** (go) to work when my car **broke down** (break down).
- b. I _____ (fall down) when I _____ (clean) the windows.
- c. I _____ (study) for five hours and then I _____ (go) to sit the exam.
- d. Yesterday I _____ (go) to the cinema and later I _____ (meet) my friends.
- e. While I _____ (study) my brother _____ (listen) to the radio.
- f. I _____ (not go) to the school because I _____ (have) a terrible headache.

2. Tick the correct option. **Past simple** or **past perfect**.

- a. He walked into the bus station only to find that the bus ☐ left / ☒ had left.
- b. My brother told me that Bill ☐ died / ☐ had died.
- c. Where is he? My sister ☐ asked / ☐ had asked.
- d. Lucas was very happy. He ☐ got / ☐ had got what he was looking for.
- e. I was going to leave when I ☐ remembered / ☐ had remembered I didn't have the key.
- f. When I went to the stadium I ☐ realized / ☐ had realized that the match had been postponed.
- g. My sister moved to the house where she ☐ lived / ☐ had lived when she was a little girl.
- h. When I was having a shower I ☐ heard / ☐ had heard the phone ringing.

3. Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the **past simple** or the **past continuous**.

- a. Mark **heard** (hear) a cry for help while he **was swimming** (swim) in the sea.
- b. Mary _____ (close) the window because it _____ (rain).
- c. I _____ (read) a magazine when the doorbell _____ (ring).
- d. Pete _____ (play) in the football final when he _____ (score) a brilliant goal.
- e. The last time I _____ (speak) to Marla _____ (tell) her that I _____ (be) worried about her health.
- f. I _____ (phone) my mother because I _____ (be) worried about her health.