The simple past and past continuous tense

A. Fill in the blanks with the past tense and the past continuous tense of the verbs in the brackets.

1. We _____ (eat) when somebody _____ at the door.

2. The Wang family _____ (sleep) soundly when the burglar _____ (break) in.

3. While I _____ (do) my homework, my sister _____ (play) the piano.

4. Mrs Tan _____ (shop) when she _____ (meet) her old friends.

5. My mother _____ (switch) on the lights as it _____ (get) dark.

6. As he _____ (feel) cold, he _____ (sit) near the fire.

7. The boys _____ (do) their work when their uncle _____ (arrive).

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8. We _____ (meet) Ali and John when we _____ (play) in the field.

9. The lion _____ (yawn) when the hunter _____ (take) his aim.

10. Yesterday, I _____ (visit) my friend who _____ (suffer) from cancer.

B. Read the following passage carefully. Then fill in the blanks with the simple past and the past continuous tenses of the verbs in the brackets.

Siti, Devi and Meilan (1) _____ (be) good friends until something (2) _____ (happen) one day.

That day, Siti and Devi (3) _____ (talk) when somebody (4) _____ (step) into the room. The two girls (5) _____ (turn) round and were shocked to see their friend, Meilan. Meilan (6) _____ (stand) just behind them. Siti and Devi could see that Meilan (7) _____ (fume) with anger. They (8) _____ (know) that Meilan had heard what they (9) _____ (talk) about. They immediately (10) _____ (start) to apologize but Meilan (11) _____ (stop) them by saying that it wasn't necessary.

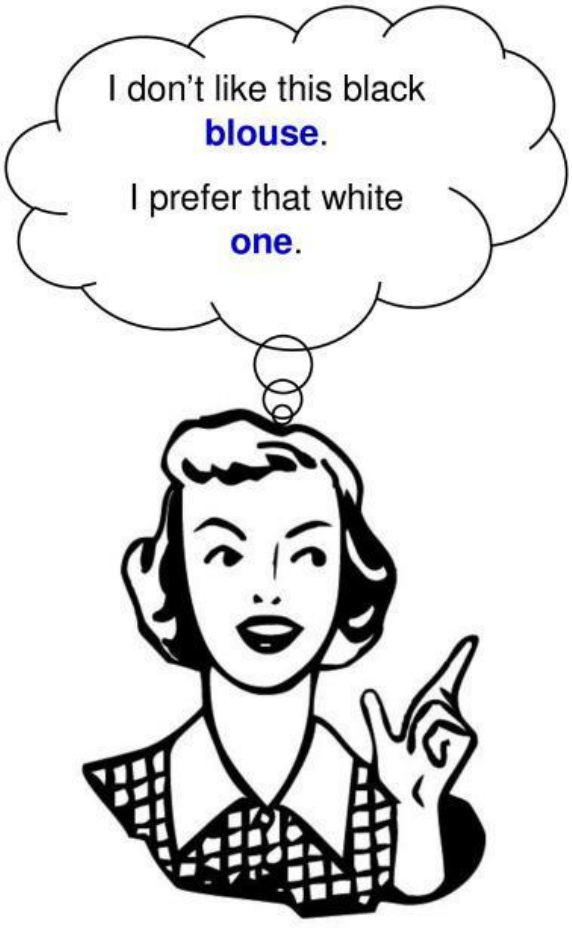
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She (12) _____ (tell) them that they (13) _____ (say) things about her that weren't true. She further (14) _____ (add) that from then onwards she would no longer consider them as her friends. With that , she (15) _____ (step) out of the room.

Both Siti and Devi felt very ashamed of themselves for their behavior. They (16) _____ (spread) rumors about their best friend.

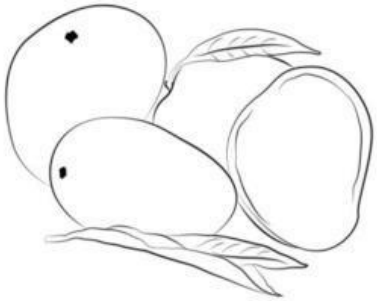
The pronouns 'one' and 'ones'



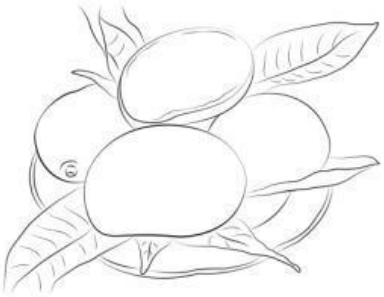




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A.Fill the blanks with correct pronouns ‘one’ or ‘ones’.

1. These bags are too heavy. May I carry the lighter

_____.

2. Mary doesn’t like the green dress. She likes the yellow

_____.

3. I prefer a small house to a large _____.

4. I’ve missed the bus. I’ve wait for another _____.

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5. He was the _____ who broke the news to us.

6. These oranges are too small. Can you get me some big _____?

7. There are many cars on display. Which _____ do you like?

8. We always listen to pop music. We have never heard a classical _____ before.

9. All babies are cute. Have you ever seen an ugly _____?

10. The children were the _____ who broke the window pane.

11. All elephants are huge. Have you seen a small _____?

12. These apples are rotten. Can you get me some good _____?

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13. Mrs Bao couldn't decide which dress to wear. Finally she decided to wear a white _____.

14. I like to read humorous stories. I dislike the sad _____.

15. That woman was the _____ who helped to spread the rumour.

16. The car is too small. A bigger _____ will be more comfortable.

17. These shoes are too small for me. Can you pass me the bigger _____.

18. Jonathan has two birds. Which _____ does he like more?

19. Mrs Zhu has a small garden. Mrs Tan has a bigger _____.

20. These mangoes are too sour. Do you have any sweet _____?

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