

# Test B: Past Simple and Past Continuous

## A

Put in the Past Simple of the verbs in brackets.

► The car stopped ..... (stop) at the lights.  
1 We ..... (leave) the cinema before the end of the film.  
2 The streets ..... (be) crowded with people.  
3 My grandmother ..... (die) last year.  
4 Everyone ..... (have) a marvellous time.  
5 We ..... (not / like) the food they gave us.  
6 Claire ..... (go) to Egypt last month.  
7 The accident ..... (happen) last weekend.  
8 It ..... (not / be) a very comfortable journey.  
9 I ..... (know) that ages ago.

## B

Write a second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the word in brackets.

► There were lights on the spacecraft. (had)

The spacecraft had lights on it.

1 I had my old coat on. (wearing)

2 I was on holiday, and you were on holiday, too. (we)

3 It isn't true that I made a mistake. (didn't)

4 The boys were in the middle of a game of cards. (playing)

5 No one told me about the change of plan. (know)

6 My friend was the winner of the competition. (won)

7 Is it a fact that the Romans built this wall? (did)

## C

Lorna Bright is a long-distance walker. Look at this part of her diary describing a morning's walk along the coast. Write the missing words. Use one word only in each space.

It was a fine day (►) when ..... I started out on the last part of my walk around the coast of Britain. The sun was (1) ..... , and a light wind (2) ..... blowing from the south-west. I was pleased that it (3) ..... raining. I knew by now that I (4) ..... like rain. In fact I (5) ..... it. I (6) ..... along the cliff top and then down into the lovely little fishing village of Wellburn, past a café where people (7) ..... having morning coffee. Three miles past Wellburn I (8) ..... down for five minutes and (9) ..... a drink. Now it (10) ..... getting warmer, so I (11) ..... off one of my sweaters. I (12) ..... stop for long because I (13) ..... to reach Seabury by lunch-time. (14) ..... I finally got there, it (15) ..... just after half past twelve.

## D

Each of these sentences has a mistake in it. Write the correct sentence.

► The hotel were very quiet.

The hotel was very quiet.

1 It was peaceful, and the birds were sing.

2 I washed my hair when the phone rang.

3 You came not to the club last night.

4 It taked ages to get home.

5 We tried to keep quiet because the baby sleeping.

6 As I was watching him, the man was suddenly running away.

7 We pass a petrol-station two minutes ago.

8 Everything was seeming OK.

9 Where bought you that bag?

10 When I heard the alarm, I was leaving the room immediately.

## E

Complete the sentences. Put in the correct form of each verb. Use the Past Continuous or Past Simple.

► When Martin arrived ..... (arrive) home, Anna was talking ..... (talk) to someone on the phone. Martin started ..... (start) to get the tea.

1 I ..... (lie) in the bath when the phone ..... (ring). It ..... (stop) after a few rings.

2 It ..... (be) cold when we ..... (leave) the house that day, and a light snow ..... (fall).

3 Your friend who ..... (come) here the other day ..... (seem) very nice. I ..... (enjoy) meeting her.

4 When I ..... (see) the man, he ..... (stand) outside the bank. He ..... (have) a black baseball cap on.

5 When I ..... (open) the cupboard door, a pile of books ..... (fall) out.

6 I ..... (walk) along the street when I suddenly ..... (feel) something hit me in the back. I ..... (not / know) what it was.

7 We ..... (go) to London yesterday, but on the way we ..... (hear) about a bomb scare in Oxford Street. So we ..... (drive) back home straightaway.

8 Something very strange ..... (happen) to me on my way home from work yesterday afternoon. I ..... (drive) along the bypass at the time. Suddenly I ..... (see) my mother in the seat beside me. But she died three years ago.