

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)
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- 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)
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- 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)
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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.