

A grammar test “Past Simple and Past Perfect”

1 Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or the past perfect tense.

Cheating in school

One afternoon in May, Gina Davis ¹ _____ (receive) a call from her daughter's school. The teacher ² _____ (say) that her daughter ³ _____ (cheat) in a test. ‘That's impossible,’ Gina said. ‘My daughter is only eight!’

Unfortunately, it was true. ‘Before this ⁴ _____ (happen), I ⁵ _____ (talk) to my daughter about cheating,’ says Gina. ‘I ⁶ _____ (explain) what it meant to cheat and why it was wrong.’

Children are taught that cheating is wrong even before they start school and most of them ⁷ _____ (already / cheat) when playing games before they ⁸ _____ (enter) the classroom. But they find it difficult to apply the knowledge that cheating is wrong in a school setting.

‘This ⁹ _____ (not / be) a problem before they ¹⁰ _____ (introduce) exams and testing,’ says Davis. ‘Now every child is feeling the pressure to get the best grades.’

10 points

2 Rewrite the sentences with *used to* in the correct form.

1 Did you take part in many international competitions when you were a professional athlete?

2 I never did any sport when I was younger.

3 When we were kids we lived in Canada. We don't live there now.

4 My parents never cheated when they were at school.

4 points

3 Complete sentence b so that it has a similar meaning to sentence a. Use the words in brackets. Do not change the given words.

- 1 a The tennis player couldn't hit the ball. He broke a string in his racket before that shot.
- b The tennis player couldn't hit the ball because _____ . (broken)
- 2 a There were no concert tickets left when my brother wanted to buy them.
- b They _____ . (sold)
- 3 a Most families have more than one car.
- b In the past, _____ only one car. (have)
- 4 a Today, people watch sports events online.
- b In the past, _____ . (did)
- 5 a When we were kids, we went to a football match every Saturday.
- b When we were kids, we _____ . (go)
- 6 a Elena forgot to sign up for the race. Because of that, she couldn't take part in it.
- b Elena _____ couldn't _____ . (forgotten)

6 points