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Grammar

Past tense contrast

I can talk about the past using a variety of past tenses.

1 Complete the table with the *-ing* form, past simple and past participle form of the verbs.

| Base form | <i>-ing</i> form | Past simple | Past participle |
|-----------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1 marry | | | |
| 2 fight | | | |
| 3 die | | | |
| 4 meet | | | |
| 5 retire | | | |
| 6 think | | | |
| 7 stop | | | |
| 8 ride | | | |
| 9 fall | | | |
| 10 learn | | | |

2 Circle the correct answers.

1 My parents **bought** / **were buying** a house just after they got married.

2 John **had got engaged** / **was getting engaged** before he left university.

3 Liam inherited a lot of money and **was emigrating** / **emigrated** to Australia.

4 Did Pam **phone** / **Had Pam phoned** while you **watched** / **were watching** television?

5 I opened the door and **stepped** / **had stepped** outside. It **rained** / **was raining**.

6 I didn't know where you were because you **weren't phoning** / **didn't phone**.

7 I **had** / **'d had** this watch for two years when the battery ran out.

3 Some of the verb forms and tenses in the sentences are incorrect. Rewrite them correctly. Tick the correct sentences.

1 Why **did** you **be** angry with Mary?

2 Had you **eaten** before you **went** out?

3 I **couldn't go** out until I **had did** my homework.

4 It **wasn't** rain when we **left** the house.

5 I **wasn't** feeling well this morning.

6 We **was** eating when you **phoned**.

7 Where **had** you lunch?

4 Write the negative and interrogative form of the sentences.

1 Jason **had been** to Italy.

Jason **hadn't been** to Italy.

Had Jason **been** to Italy?

2 Tom **grew up** in London.

3 Her parents **split up** last year.

4 Harry **was living** in Scotland.

5 Sally **had eaten** lunch.

5 Complete the sentences with the verbs below. Use the past simple, past continuous or past perfect.

go out leave not listen lose shine snow

1 I couldn't pay for the pizzas because I **_____ my money at home.**

2 I put on my coat and **_____.**

3 You didn't understand the question because you **_____.**

4 When we woke up, everything was white because it **_____ during the night.**

5 I borrowed my brother's jacket because I **_____ mine.**

6 It was a really cold day, but the sun **_____.**

6 Complete the text with the verbs in brackets. Use the past simple, past continuous or past perfect.

When Sarah Knauss ¹ **(die)** on 30 December 1999, she ² **(live)** in Pennsylvania, USA, where she ³ **(spend)** all her life. At the time of her death, only one person before her ⁴ **(live)** longer. Sarah ⁵ **(have)** one daughter, who ⁶ **(still)** **(live)** when Sarah died.

