# 1B 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 | *-ing* 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.



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