PAST SIMPLE & PAST CONTINUOUS

1 Circle the correct options.

1 I *wasn't / weren't* at school yesterday. It was a holiday.

2 We *was / were* happy at the party last night. It was fun.

3 You *wasn't / weren't* at home this morning.

4 How many people *was / were* at the cinema?

5 *Was / Were* your brother at the rugby match yesterday? It was a brilliant game.

2 Complete the sentences with was, were, wasn't or weren't.

1 I_____at the park yesterday afternoon. (+)

2 It _____ great classical music concert. (-)

3 My friends _____happy at the barbecue. (+)

4 Daniela _____at the pop gig yesterday. (-)

5 You_____ late for the tennis match. (+)

3 Match the beginnings and the endings of the sentences and questions.

1	Were	C	A	happy with our test marks.
2	Why	____	B	the school lunch horrible?
3	We were	____	C	you nervous before the competition?
4	It was	____	D	wasn't Jackie at school yesterday?
5	Was	____	E	sunny in the park.

4 Put the words in order to make sentences and questions.

1 weekend / last / were / Where / you
Where were you last weekend?

2 school / He / a / student / brilliant / was / at
_____.

3 wasn't / was / young / I / when / happy / I
_____.

4 was / yesterday / time / What / concert / the
_____.

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5 were / party / the / There / lot / the / people / a / at / of

_____.

6 Circle the correct options.

1 I played rugby *in / on* Tuesday last week.

2 We were in Dublin *in / on* 10th December last year.

3 *In / On* 2010 my brother finished school.

4 My friends played football *in / on* 21st March.

5 My mum travelled to Egypt *in / on* 1998.

6 They played their first football match *in / on* April 2010.

7 I passed my music test *in / on* 22nd May.

7 Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets in the past simple.

1 I __cleaned__ the house yesterday. (clean)

2 We _____ cleaning the floors before breakfast. (finish)

3 My sister _____ the test in ten minutes. (complete)

4 My friend _____ my exam! (copy)

5 Last summer my family _____ a holiday in the mountains. (prefer)

6 We _____ hockey on Saturday. (play)

7 We _____ my grandma for her birthday. (phone)

8 Put the words in order to make sentences.

1 I / night / cooked / a / for / lovely / last / meal / friend / my

I cooked a lovely meal last night for my friend .

2 next / to / the / park / square / volleyball / played / in / We / the

_____.

3 enjoyed / friends / My / weekend / my / last / party

_____ .

4 last / They / week / every / for / exam / the / studied / day / history

_____ .

5 I / friend / my / last / home / Friday / but / phoned / he / wasn't / evening / at

_____ .

6 painted / a / beautiful / mum / picture / My / dad / for / my

_____ .

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7 sister / teacher / test / in / the / and / My / the / angry / copied / was

_____.

8 Make the sentences negative.

1 He worked as an actor when he was young.
He didn't work as an actor when he was young.

2 We enjoyed doing work experience last weekend.

_____

3 My parents travelled to the office by car on Monday.

_____

4 Juan earned a lot of money working last summer.

_____

5 The café opened at 9 am yesterday.

_____

6 We watched the film last night on TV.

_____

7 Aida served food to the customers in the hotel.

_____

9 Make questions from the sentences.

1 You worked as a shop assistant when you were young.
Did you work as a shop assistant when you were young?

2 I liked working as a sports coach.

_____

3 You phoned the police after the accident.

_____

4 The customers didn't ask to see the boss.

_____

5 I didn't answer the phone.

_____

6 The mechanic didn't find any problems with my car.

_____

7 You learned to cook at school.

_____

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10 Circle the correct options.

Joe: Hi, how are you? [1] *Did / Do* you have a good weekend?

Petra: Yes, I did. I [2] *go / went* to London.

Joe: What [3] *did / didn't* you do there?

Petra: I visited museums and walked in the parks.

Joe: Did you [4] *stayed / stay* in a hotel?

Petra: No, I [5] *did / didn't*. We stayed at my aunt's house.

Joe: I was in London last year but I worked every day.

Petra: Where did you [6] *work / worked*?

Joe: I was a shop assistant.

Petra: Did you have a good boss?

Joe: Yes, I [7] *did / didn't*. She was very nice.

11 Complete the sentences with the verb in brackets in past.

1 We___*swam*___in the sea every day last summer. (swim)

2 I_____a wonderful meal last weekend. (eat)

3 I was tired so_____on the sofa all day. (lie)

4 My friends and I_____our bikes in the park last Saturday. (ride)

5 My brother_____water sports every week last summer. (do)

6 They_____up late on Sunday. (get)

7 My family_____an amazing holiday in Paris. (have)

12 Circle the correct options.

1 Where did you *went / goes / go* last night?

2 We didn't *eat / ate / eats* at home last Sunday. We went to a restaurant.

3 *Do / Did / Does* your family go to the beach last summer?

4 A: Did you have fun in New York?

B: Yes, I *do / didn't / did*.

5 My sister didn't *ride / rode / rides* a bike. She hates going cycling.

6 We didn't *takes / took / take* any photos on holiday.

7 A: Did you see anything interesting on TV last night?

B: No, I *didn't / did / was*.

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13 Complete the sentences with was, wasn't, were or weren't to make the past continuous.

1 Last night I___*was*___reading in bed until late.

2 We_____swimming yesterday on the island.

3 My dad_____working. He was on holiday.

4 My sister_____skiing because it was too hot.

5 It was sunny so my friends____playing football.

6 _____ you eating last night?

14 Complete the sentences with the words in the box in the correct form to make the past continuous.

do ~~play~~ ski swim watch wear

1 Were you_*playing*_football at 5 pm last Saturday? Yes, I was.

2 I usually study on Sunday but last Sunday I was_____TV.

3 What were your friends_____yesterday? I didn't see them anywhere on the island.

4 We were_____last weekend on the mountain in the snow.

5 The party was excellent. I was_____my red dress and everybody loved it.

6 The water was very cold. Juan wasn't_____.

15 Circle the correct option, A, B, C or D.

1 Last summer I hurt my leg when I was _____.
A run **B** runned **C** ran **D** running

2 My teachers__correcting our exams all day yesterday.
A were **B** was **C** to **D** to be

3 He wasn't swimming, he was_in the field!
A walking **B** to walk **C** wallking **D** walk

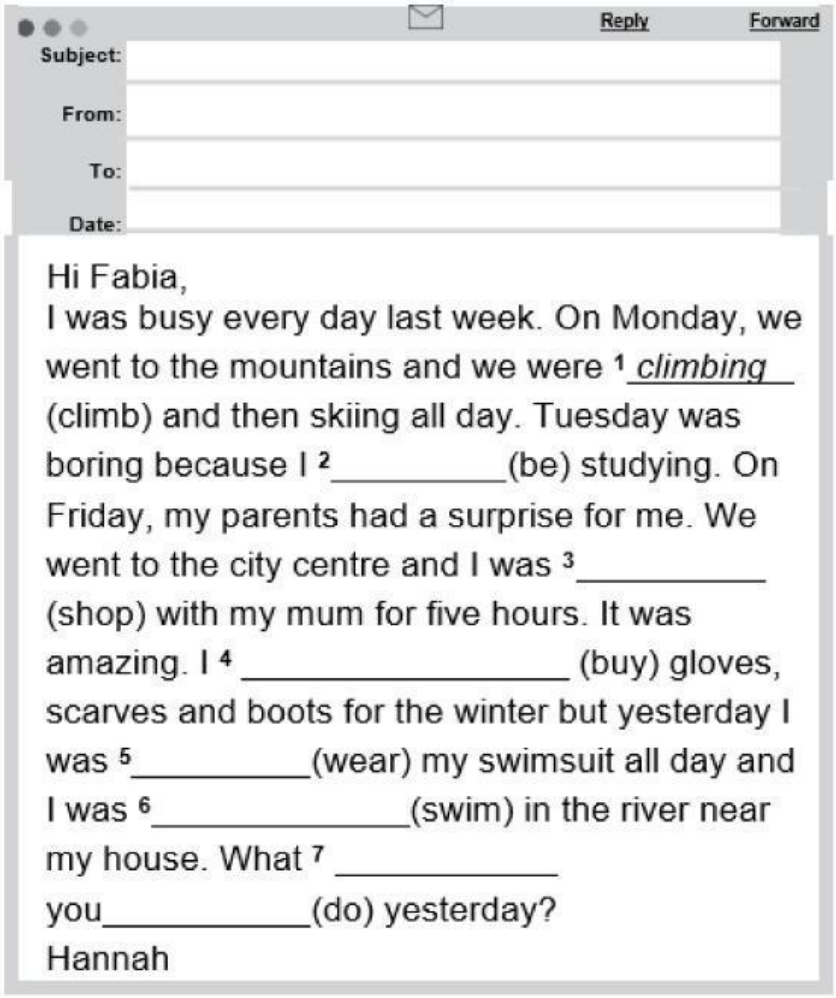
4 Were you___mountains last weekend?
A climb **B** climbed **C** climbing **D** climbbing

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5 They were eating and_all night at the party.
A dance **B** to dance **C** danced **D** dancing

6 We___skiing yesterday because there was no snow.
A aren't **B** weren't **C** wasn't **D** is

16 Complete Hannah's email with the verbs in brackets in the correct form.



17 Circle the correct options.

1 I fell asleep when I *studied / was studying*.

2 My friends were looking after a rabbit until their friend *returned / was returning* home.

3 The lion was sleeping when I *saw / was seeing* it at the zoo.

4 What *were you doing / did you do* when I phoned?

5 I *wasn't watching / didn't watch* the lion when it woke up.

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6 The penguins *were eating / ate* and the dolphins were jumping when we arrived.

7 The teacher *was picking up / picked up* a pen while the students were doing their exam.

18 Circle the correct option, *A* or *B*.

1 I was feeding my rabbit when my phone
A rang. **B** was ringing.

2 What was the baby doing when his mum ____
A come in? **B** came in?

3 We were surprised when we saw everyone____
A was sitting in silence. **B** sat in silence.

4 Juan didn't say anything when he saw his friend _____
A left. **B** was leaving.

5 My best friend was crying because __
A were breaking her phone. **B** her sister broke her phone.

6 When the teacher came in, the students __
A weren't working. **B** weren't work.

7 The girl fell and hurt her leg when she __
A ran after the chicken. **B** was running after the chicken.

19 Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets in the past simple or past continuous.

1 The teacher arrived while we *were copying* (copy) our homework.

2 The dog_____(run) around the park when it saw the cat.

3 My baby brother was crying all morning until we _____(turn on) the TV.

4 While Susan_____(study), her phone rang.

5 Somebody_____(pick up) my phone while I wasn't looking.

6 What other animals did you see when the lions _____ (sleep)?

7 The children cried a lot while we _____ (look after) them.

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20 Complete Robbie's short story with the words in the box.

~~had~~ started tried was playing was running was talking was was shouting

Last summer I [1] *had* a very strange experience. I [2] _____ ball in the park when suddenly it became very dark. I couldn't see anything. While I was afraid, I started to run to the entrance. I [3] _____ when I heard a scream. I stopped and was looking for help when something caught my leg. It was a little dog. It was biting me and I [4] _____ "stop" when a little girl came from behind a tree. "Don't worry," she said, "It is only playing." I [5] _____ to cry and the dog stopped biting me. "Talk to it," she said. I wasn't sure but I touched the dog on its head and it [6] _____ to lick me. Suddenly, it was bright again. I looked around but there was nobody. "Where are you?" I said but the dog and the girl were not there. I [7] _____ to myself! I woke up in my bedroom. It was just a dream.

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