## Past Tense Contrast Past Simple, Past Continuous or Past Perfect?

## 1 Choose 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.

## 2 Choose the best ending (a or b) for the sentences.

- 1 We couldn't open the front door because
  - a it had snowed all night. b it snowed all night.
- 2 It was a lovely spring day and the birds
  - a sang.b were singing.
- 3 I looked out of the window and noticed that
  - a it had stopped raining. b it was stopping raining.
- 4 The plants died because we
  - a were forgetting to water them.
  - b forgot to water them.
- 5 Before | left the house, I
  - a locked all the windows. b was locking all the windows.
- 6 I wasn't particularly hungry because
  - a I'd already had lunch. b | already had lunch.



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

30 December 1999, she <sup>2</sup>	(die) on (live) in
Pennsylvania, USA, where she <sup>3</sup>	
(spend) all her life.	
At the time of her	
death, only one person	
before her 4	
(live) longer. Sarah	
5 (have)	
one daughter, who	TO STATE OF THE ST
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(live)	
when Sarah died.	

