Past Tenses Review – 1º Bachillerato

This worksheet will help you revise **Past Simple**, **Past Continuous**, **Past Perfect**, **Used to**, and **Would (for past habits)**.

✏️ Exercise 1: Fill in the gaps (choose the correct past tense)

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. When I _____ (arrive) home, my parents _____ (cook) dinner.
2. I couldn't believe it — someone _____ (steal) my phone!
3. She _____ (not go) out last night because she _____ (study) for an exam.
4. By the time we got to the cinema, the film _____ already _____ (start).
5. While we _____ (walk) through the park, it suddenly _____ (begin) to rain.

✏️ Exercise 2: Rewrite the sentences using used to or would

Use **used to** for past states and **would** for repeated past actions.

1. When I was a child, I walked to school every day.
   → _____
2. My grandmother always told us stories before bed.
   → _____
3. I lived in Madrid when I was younger.
   → _____
4. On summer nights, we sat on the terrace and talked for hours.
   → _____
5. My brother was shy when he was little.
   → _____

✏️ Exercise 3: Choose the correct option

1. When the police arrived, the thief **(escaped / had escaped)**.
2. I **(was reading / read)** a book when the lights went out.
3. She **(used to play / would play)** tennis every Saturday.

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4. They **(didn't use to / weren't using to)** eat vegetables.
5. He **(had finished / finished)** the report before the meeting.

✏️ Exercise 4: Put the verbs in the correct tense

1. I didn't recognise him because he ____ **(change)** a lot.
2. We ____ **(have)** dinner when you called.
3. Before 2010, most people ____ **(not use)** smartphones.
4. She ____ **(write)** three books before she turned 30.
5. When we were kids, we ____ **(ride)** our bikes around the neighbourhood every afternoon.

✏️ Exercise 5: Rephrasing (transform the sentences)

Rewrite each sentence using the tense or structure indicated.

1. I finished my homework and then I went out.
   (Use: Past Perfect)

→ _____

2. We often visited our cousins when we were young.
   (Use: would)

→ _____

3. She started crying while she was talking.
   (Use: past simple + past continuous)

→ _____

4. I had the habit of drinking milk every morning.
   (Use: used to)

→ _____

5. First he ate breakfast. Then he left the house.
   (Use: past perfect)

→ _____

✏️ Exercise 6: Error correction

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Each sentence has one mistake. Correct it.

1. I was used to go swimming every day.
   → _____
2. She was cooking when the guests were arrived.
   → _____
3. When I was child, I would living in the countryside.
   → _____
4. They didn't went to the party because they had work.
   → _____
5. He had finish the exam before the teacher collected it.
   → _____

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