Past tenses

Complete the gaps with the verbs from the brackets in Past Simple, Past Continuous or Past Perfect.



1. I _____ (walk) down the street yesterday, when I _____ (see) a girl who _____ (cry). When I _____ (ask) her why she _____ (cry), she _____ (tell) me that she _____ (lose) her parents and that she _____ (be) very afraid.



2. Mary _____ (move) out of her parents' house three years before her father _____ (decide) to sell it. However, when she _____ (learn) about her father's decision, she _____ (feel) sad. Nevertheless, she understood that her parents _____ (get) older and that they _____ (not/need) such a big house anymore.



3. It _____ (be) 11 pm and John Bishop _____ (sit) in the bushes outside the Browns' residence. He _____ (prepare) his plan two days earlier. When he _____ (see) Mr and Mrs Brown leaving the house, he _____ (jump) out of the bushes and _____ (run) to the door. He _____ (pick) the lock and _____ (go) inside. Unfortunately for him, an angry pit bull _____ (wait) in the hall.



4. My dad always _____ (hate) my boyfriend, Jim. However, when we _____ (decide) to move in together, he _____ (call) me and _____ (say) that he _____ (never/like) him, but he _____ (trust) my judgement. It's funny, because when he _____ (call) me, Jim and I _____ (argue).



5. Daniel is a very nice person now, but he _____ (be) different several years ago. He _____ (spend) time with a gang of rough boys, _____ (steal) radios from parked cars, and _____ (get) into fights very often. However, one day when he _____ (walk) home, he _____ (meet) a beautiful girl from a Catholic school. After he _____ (meet) her, he _____ (change) for her completely.



6. When I _____ (be) a little boy, I _____ (have) a dog, which I _____ (find) on the street. We _____ (go) for long walks every day. Once, when we _____ (walk) back home, a man _____ (approach) me and _____ (try) to mug me. My dog _____ (bite) him in the bottom and the man _____ (start) running away. As he _____ (run), my dog _____ (bark) at him.



7. Jenny and Ken _____ (meet) at a party in 2007. At that time Ken _____ (have) a girlfriend, but Jenny _____ (have/never) a boyfriend before. It _____ (be) love at first sight. When Ken _____ (see) Jenny, he _____ (ask) her to dance with him. As they _____ (dance), Ken's girlfriend _____ (come) to the party. She _____ (start) shouting at Ken and _____ (remind) him that he _____ (promise) to never leave her for another girl.

8. Randy _____ (drive) his new Porsche to visit his parents. He _____ (buy) the car only two days earlier. It _____ (be) late at night and it _____ (rain) earlier, so the road _____ (be) slippery. However, he _____ (want) to get to his destination as soon as possible, so he _____ (drive) very fast. Suddenly, when he _____ (go) through a forest, something _____ (jump) on the road. In order not to hit it, Randy _____ (step) on the breaks. He _____ (lose) control of the car and _____ (hit) a tree.



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