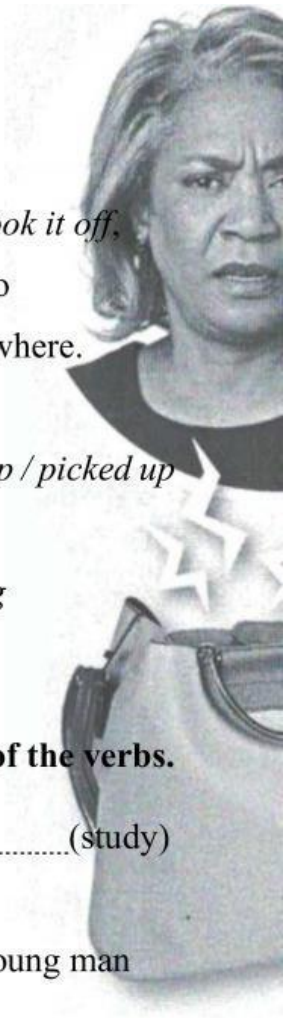

Ex.1. Choose the correct option in the text.

One day, Margot Clements *was walking / walked* along the High Street.
It was hot so she decided to take off her coat. While she *was taking it off / took it off*, her phone *was starting / started* to ring. She *was opening / opened* her bag to answer it. The phone *was ringing / rang* loudly, but she couldn't find it anywhere. She *was putting / put* her bag down on a bench.
Suddenly, a man *was appearing / appeared* from nowhere. He *was picking up / picked up* her bag and *was running / ran* down the road with it.
A policeman *was stopping / stopped* him because the phone *was still ringing / still rang*, and he wanted to know why the man didn't answer it!

Ex.2. Fill in the gaps with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs.

1. My parents .....(get) to know each other when they.....(study) at university.
2. Doctor Fisher.....(travel) widely as a young man and.....(always keep) a diary.
3. I.....(see) my brother and his friend when I .....(wait) for the bus, but they..... (not see) me.
4. Lily .....(fill) in the application form and..... (give) it to the receptionist.
5. While I ..... (work) in Rome, I .....(meet) a girl who ..... (look) just like your sister.
6. The car .....(make) strange noises all the way home.
7. I.....(miss) your text because my phone ..... (charge) in another room.
8. Anna's feeling depressed because she ..... (hope) for a pay rise last week, but she.....(not get) one.
9. The cell phone .....(ring) when I .....(take) a shower.
10. It .....(begin) to rain when I .....(walk) home.
11. We .....(see) an accident when we .....(wait) for the bus.
14. The children..... (sleep) all night.

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The 'White Mouse'

Ex.3.Read the full text. Underline the correct form of the verb.

Nancy Wake – soldier and spy

Nancy Wake was a World War II soldier and spy. During the war the Gestapo gave her the nickname the 'White Mouse' because she was so difficult to catch.

Nancy was born in New Zealand, but she [1] *was growing up / grew up* in Australia. At the age of 20, she left Australia and travelled to London, New York, and Paris. She settled down in France and married a Frenchman, Henri Fiocca. They [2] *were living / lived* in Marseille when the war started. Nancy joined the French Resistance and helped a lot of people escape the country. The Gestapo [3] *was finding / found out* about Nancy and she [4] *was becoming / became* their most wanted person. They looked for the 'White Mouse' everywhere, but she managed to escape from France to the UK. Her husband [5] *was preparing / prepared* to join her in London, but unfortunately, the Gestapo [6] *were finding / found* him and shot him.

When Nancy got to England, she joined the Special Operations Executive (SOE) and became a fully trained agent in only eight months. After her training, she went to France on a mission. Soon, Nancy [7] *was fighting / fought* with the men in some of the fiercest battles. 'I liked that kind of thing', she said.

Nancy was a cool character. One day, while she [8] *was eating / ate* her breakfast, she [9] *was ordering / ordered* a soldier to shoot an enemy spy. 'It didn't put me off* my breakfast,' she said!

After the liberation of France, Nancy [10] *was returning / returned* to London. She received nine medals from the British, French and American governments, including the George Medal, the Croix de Guerre, and the Médaille de la Résistance.

She died on August 7, 2011, three weeks before her 99th birthday.

put somebody off – make somebody dislike something

Ex.4.Complete the questions and write the answers.

1 Where / Nancy / born? *Where was Nancy born? - In New Zealand.*
2 When / leave / Australia? _____?
Answer: _____.
3 Where / live / when the war started? _____?
Answer: _____.
4 Why / the Gestapo / want to find her? _____?
Answer: _____.
5 Where / go / after the liberation of France? _____?
Answer: _____.
6 How many / medals / receive? _____?
Answer: _____.

Listen and check.

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