

## PAST TENSES

### **Past simple, past continuous, past perfect simple and past perfect continuous.**

1. Read these sentences about an overnight train journey from London to Switzerland and put the verbs in brackets into the **past simple** or the **past continuous**.

1) By the time the train \_\_\_\_\_ (leave), it  
\_\_\_\_\_ (get) dark.

2) We \_\_\_\_\_ (still look) for our seats  
when the train \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) for the first  
time.

3) We \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) a family from  
Scotland, who \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to a wedding in  
France.

4) In the evening, we \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) in the buffet, we \_\_\_\_\_ (not eat) much but we \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) to some interesting people.

5) When I \_\_\_\_\_ (wake up) in the morning, we \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) through the vineyards.

6) As soon as we \_\_\_\_\_ (cross) the border, I \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) to feel excited.

7) When we \_\_\_\_\_ (reach) the mountains, we \_\_\_\_\_ (know) our journey was almost over.

8) The train \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) late and our friends \_\_\_\_\_ (not wait) for us so we \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a taxi to their flat.

2. For each gap, choose a verb from the box and put it into the **past perfect** or the **past perfect continuous**.

Feel

forget

own

stand up

try

wait

1) The crowd \_\_\_\_\_ for over an hour for the match to begin.

2) We \_\_\_\_\_ to find the key for five minutes when my dad found it in his pocket.

3) When he retired. My grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ his business for more than 40 years.

4) David \_\_\_\_\_ unwell for a few days so he went to the doctor's.

5) Katrina was really angry with me because I \_\_\_\_\_ to tell her the change of plan.

6) I was quite tired when I got home as I \_\_\_\_\_ watching our school football team for over an hour.



3. For each gap, put the verb in brackets into the **past simple, past continuous, past perfect simple** or the **past perfect continuous**.

Last week I (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (**GO**) to the mountains with my cousins. None of us (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (**EVER SKI**) before so we (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (**LOOK**) forward to it for months.

While we (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (**DRIVE**) to the airport, it (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (**START**) to snow and we were really excited. But when we (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (**GET**) off the plane in the mountains, there (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (**NOT BE**) any snow at all.

Everyone there (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (**SAY**) it was too warm for snow. We (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (**GO**) to bed feeling sad that we wouldn't be able to ski. But when we (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (**GET**) up the next morning and (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (**LOOK**) out of the window we realized that it (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (**SNOW**) all night and we would be able to ski after all.