

PRACTICE ON PAST TENSES

a) Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form.

Even though Little Red Riding Hood's mother 1. _____ (tell) her to follow the path through the fields, the naughty girl 2. _____ (decide) to take a short cut through a wood. As she went deeper and deeper into it, the cold and darkness 3. _____ (frighten) her. She 4. _____ (make) her way along the narrow path when she 5. _____ (hear) a noise. All of a sudden a big, fierce-looking wolf 6. _____ (jump) out from behind a bush and 6. _____ (come) licking his lips in anticipation of a tasty meal. He 7. _____ (ask) her where she 8. _____ (go). The girl, who never 9. _____ (see) a wolf before, 10. _____ (tell) him all about her grandmother and where she 11. _____ (live). Just as he 12. _____ (be) about to attack, he 13. _____ (hear) two woodcutters approaching and 14. _____ (hurry) off saying he 15. _____ (forget) an important meeting on the other side of the forest. While the little girl slowly 16. _____ (make) her way along the path, the wolf 17. _____ (rush) through the forest towards the old lady's cottage. The cottage door 18. _____ (be) locked so the wolf 19. _____ (pretend) to be Little Red Riding Hood by copying her voice. Granny 20. _____ (open) the door to let her in and ...

b) Choose the correct alternative.

- 1 The noise of the campers **disturbed/ was disturbing** the snake and he **moved/ was moving** away
- 2 As I **was turning/ had been turning** into the drive, I saw a strange man by my door
- 3 Apparently hunters **had shot/ shot** over 300 cheetahs last year
- 4 I cut myself while I **had been preparing/ was preparing** the dinner
- 5 As soon as **had finished/ was finishing** my exams, I threw all my books away!
- 6 We **walked/ were walking** quietly through the forest when the bird suddenly **attacked/ had attacked**
- 7 They **were studying/ had been studying** for over four hours so they were exhausted
- 8 I didn't realise he **had left/ left** his wallet at home.
- 9 I was angry that he **made/ had made** such a mess!
- 10 I **had been waiting/ was waiting** for ages so I decided to leave.

c) Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets.

- 1 Her arm ached all day because she _____ (carry) so many books.
- 2 I _____ (try) to pick some fruit when a bat flew down out of the tree!
- 3 I apologised and explained how I _____ (manage to break) the vase.
- 4 I _____ (not/realise) she was coming today. Help me tidy up!
- 5 I found the photographs while I _____ (clean) my desk
- 6 We _____ (wait) to see the lion all morning so at lunchtime we decided to leave
- 7 The animals looked unhappy and I wondered who _____ (lock) them up
- 8 It was late August and we _____ (travel) around the Greek islands
- 9 Last weekend he _____ (decide) to go to Australia for his holidays.
- 10 She said she _____ (not/cry) but her face was all red.