

PAST TENSES REVIEW

A Circle the correct word or phrase.

- 1 I **saw** / **was seeing** Maria for the first time at Ray's birthday party.
- 2 Richard **watched** / **was watching** TV when the phone rang.
- 3 When we were on holiday, we **went** / **were going** to the café almost every day.
- 4 Denise **practised** / **was practising** the song every day until she could sing it perfectly.
- 5 The phone was engaged when I called. Who **did you talk** / **were you talking** to?
- 6 Mr Connors **owned** / **was owning** two houses and a villa in the south of France.
- 7 I **did** / **was doing** my homework as soon as I got home from school.
- 8 A car came round the corner and I **jumped** / **was jumping** out of the way.
- 9 When my dad met my mum, he **worked** / **was working** as a bus driver.
- 10 I **got** / **was getting** up at six o'clock every morning last week!
- 11 My cousin and I **played** / **were playing** on the computer when there was a power cut.
- 12 No, that's not right. I **did pass** / **was passing** the test. I got a B.

B Complete using the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 Where (you / go) when I saw you on the bus last night?
- 2 (you / enjoy) the film?
- 3 When we shared a room, Zoë (always / take) my things. It was so annoying!
- 4 When I went to get the tickets, I realised I (not / have) any money.
- 5 When I was young, we (go) to France every year on holiday.
- 6 Elvis (become) famous for the song *Blue Suede Shoes*.
- 7 When you rang last night, I (work) in the garden so I didn't hear the phone.
- 8 I (hear) from Davina last night. She says hello.
- 9 The old man (appear) to be very tired and he slowly sat down.
- 10 We (throw) a surprise party for my brother last Saturday.

C Circle the correct word or phrase.

Dear Lisa,

Thanks for your letter. I (1) **just left** / **had just left** for school when I saw the postman and he (2) **gave** / **had given** it to me. It was really funny! I (3) **read** / **had read** it during maths and it (4) **made** / **had made** me laugh. I almost (5) **got** / **had got** in trouble!

Anyway, I'm excited because I (6) **had** / **had had** my first judo lesson yesterday. I (7) **was** / **had been** late for the lesson because when I (8) **got** / **had got** there, I suddenly realised I (9) **left** / **had left** my judo suit at home! So I (10) **went** / **had gone** all the way home and when I (11) **got** / **had got** back, the lesson (12) **already began** / **had already begun**.

The instructor was really nice, though, and I (13) **learned** / **had learned** how to do some basic throws. Can't wait till next time!

What about you and your taekwondo? The last time I (14) **spoke** / **had spoken** to you, you (15) **talked** / **had talked** about giving it up. What (16) **did you decide** / **had you decided**?

I think that's all for now. My mum and I are going shopping shortly, so I'd better post this.

Speak to you soon.

Love,

Charlotte

D Complete using the past perfect simple or past perfect continuous of the verbs in the box. You may need to use a negative form.

eat • stay • wait • know • write • see • listen • get • have • run

- 1 By the time he died, Beethoven nine symphonies.
- 2 We chose the Hotel Rio because we there before.
- 3 We for over an hour when the train finally arrived.
- 4 I was completely out of breath because I
- 5 I the film before, so I knew how it ended.
- 6 When he got married, I Chris for about two years.
- 7 Johnson ready for the race for six months and finally the big moment came.
- 8 Vivian computer lessons for very long so she wasn't sure how to use the Internet.
- 9 Holly oysters before, so she wasn't sure what to do with them.
- 10 I to my new CD for a few minutes when the CD player started making a funny noise.

E Choose the correct answer.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 My brother and I swimming almost every day last summer.
A went
B had been going
C were going
D had gone2 We when someone knocked at the door.
A talked
B had talked
C were talking
D were talked3 When the robbery happened, the security guard !
A slept
B was sleeping
C had slept
D was slept4 Jack chess before so I showed him what to do.
A hadn't been playing
B didn't play
C wasn't playing
D hadn't played | <ol style="list-style-type: none">5 I wasn't sure how Belinda would react because I her long.
A didn't know
B wasn't knowing
C hadn't been knowing
D hadn't known6 Ian at the factory long when he was made a manager.
A hadn't been working
B wasn't working
C didn't work
D wasn't worked7 I wanted to say goodbye to Jerry, but he
A was already left
B already left
C had already been leaving
D had already left8 When we got to the airport, I realised I my passport at home!
A was left
B had left
C left
D had been leaving |
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