

# 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.

- 1 My brother and I ..... swimming almost every day last summer.  
A went  
B had been going  
C were going  
D had gone
- 2 We ..... when someone knocked at the door.  
A talked  
B had talked  
C were talking  
D were talked
- 3 When the robbery happened, the security guard ..... !  
A slept  
B was sleeping  
C had slept  
D was slept
- 4 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
- 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 known
- 6 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 worked
- 7 I wanted to say goodbye to Jerry, but he ..... .  
A was already left  
B already left  
C had already been leaving  
D had already left
- 8 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