PAST SIMPLE, PAST CONTINUOUS, PRESENT PERFECT 4 ESO

1. Fill in the blanks with the PAST SIMPLE form of the verbs in brackets.

1. Because Jerry (not hurry)_____to the bus-stop, he (miss)_____the bus.
2. When you (be)_____in France, (you /drive)_____ from place to place or (you / take)_____the train?
3. Pamela (dive)_____into the pool and (rescue)_____ the child.
4. Last night Ian (dream)_____ about flying.
5. Joe was so hungry that he (eat)_____four plates of food.
6. The children (make)_____such a mess that their mother (be) _____very angry.
7. He (not copy)_____ the information into his notebook.
8. He (wear) _____his new suit to the conference.
9. (Brian / take) _____a picture of the camel?
10. The Titanic (sink)_____after hitting an iceberg in 1912.

2. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the PAST CONTINUOUS.

1. Ruth (drive)_____ when I saw her last night.
2. I (do)_____my homework when you phoned.
3. Dad (not read)_____. He was washing the car.
4. Linda (not work) _____when I came to visit.
5. She was talking on the phone. She (not study)_____.
6. Tom (not sleep)_____when I got home.
7. While Sally (wash up)_____Phil (dust)_____.

3.Choose the correct answer.

1. When we _____to the mountains, we stayed with my grandparents.

   a. were going b. Went c. Go

1. Barbara _____to school when she fell and broke her arm.

   a. went b. Goes c. Was going

2. The runner _____his leg when he fell down.

   a. broke b. Break c. Was breaking

3. When Dave _____the explosion, he screamed.

   a. was seeing b. Saw c. See

4. When we were there, we _____at a youth hostel

   a. weren't staying b. Wasn't staying c. Didn't stay

5. Last week, we _____down to Barcelona.

   a. drove b. Were driving c. Was driving

6. While we _____the film on TV, the phone rang.

   a. were watching b. Watched c. Was watching

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4. Fill in the blanks with the PAST SIMPLE or PAST CONTINUOUS form of the verbs in brackets. There may be more than one answer correct.

1. When the dog (hear)_____the burglars, it (bark)_____.
2. I (sleep)_____when the fire (break out) _____.
3. All the children (shout)_____when the headmaster (come)_____in.
4. Jack and Tina (play) _____outside when it (start)_____to snow.
5. Why (you /not pay attention) _____while I (talk)_____?
6. Who (sing)_____so loudly while we (try)_____to sleep?
7. It (rain)_____when we (arrive)_____at the station.
8. I (write)_____a composition at the same time as my sister (play)_____tennis.
9. They (see)_____a good play while they (stay)_____ in NY.
10. Yesterday, while I (rest)_____, someone (knock)_____on the door.
11. While Julian (practise)_____the cello, his brother (fix)_____ his car.

5. Spot the error.

1. Why were you forgetting to buy milk?
2. She still slept when I phoned her.
3. He kept interrupting while we had a discussion.
4. Where did she went?
5. We didn't enjoyed the party last night.
6. How much you paid for this?
7. How long did you were waiting for the bus?
8. I wasn't understanding what you said.
9. Who did come yesterday?

6.PRESENT PERFECT 1. Fill in the blanks with FOR or SINCE.

1. It's been ages _____he travelled abroad.
2. I haven't received any letters _____over a week.
3. Has she asked for a new desk _____she started working there?
4. Sheila has visited James in Rome three times _____he moved there.
5. Where have you been? I've been here _____over 20 minutes!
6. Ian hasn't been to a concert _____ages.
7. He's had his cat _____it was a kitten.

7.PRESENT PERFECT 2. Fill in the blanks with EVER, NEVER, RECENTLY, ALWAYS, OFTEN.

1. She has _____disappointed me. She is so responsible!
2. John and Tina have got married _____. I must send them a wedding present.
3. Has she _____considered moving to the city?
4. I have _____ had good service at this bank. That's why I don't have an account here.
5. John has _____disliked love stories. They bore him.
6. I have _____bought a dog. I feel much safer now.
7. We have _____seen him so happy. He's dancing with joy!
8. They have _____met her at a museum. She loves art.

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8. PRESENT PERFECT 3. Fill in the blanks with YET, ALREADY or JUST.

1. My five-year-old son hasn't learned to tell the time _____.
2. Anna has _____phoned to tell us that she'll be late.
3. He's _____been to visit Grandma. He went two days ago.
4. John hasn't arrived home _____. His wife is waiting for him.
5. Be quiet! My parents have _____put the baby to sleep.

9. PRESENT PERFECT 4. Choose the correct answer.

1. He received the Nobel Prize ten years **a) since b) before c) ago d) recently**
2. Has the postman been **a) yet b) just c) often d) always**?
3. A burglar has **a) just b) always c) often d) ever** broken into our flat.
4. My cousin has **a) often b) yet c) just d) always** bought a car. He's out driving now.
5. She last saw him five years **a) since b) just c) for d) ago**.
6. The committee hasn't elected a chairman **a) already b) ever c) often d) yet**.
7. She has **a) just b) never c) ever d) yet** phoned. She won't phone again till tomorrow.
8. She's a very responsible worker. She has **a) just b) recently c) always d) never** forgotten to do anything.
9. The girls have **a) recently b) often c) never d) already** arrived, but where are the boys?
10. I won't be away **a) before b) already c) for d) since** long.

10. Choose the correct PRESENT PERFECT or SIMPLE PAST form.

1. This bird comes from northern Europe. It (**has flown, flew)** thousands of kilometres in search of a warm climate.
2. I **(haven't spoken, didn't speak**) to my cousin for ages.
3. He **(heard, has heard)** many political jokes lately.
4. Irene **(didn't see, hasn't seen)** her best friend for three months.
5. John **(has been, went)** to Europe several times since 1990.
6. Shakespeare **(has written, wrote)** many plays.
7. He **(painted, has painted)** five pictures so far.
8. We **(have seen, saw)** something awful yesterday.
9. Juliet **(has visited, visited)** her aunt in Chicago three months ago.
10. She **(has played, played)** the piano since she was six years old.

11. Fill in the blanks with the correct PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE or PAST SIMPLE form of the verbs in brackets.

1. The bus (leave)_____over half an hour ago.
3. I (lose) _____my pen. (you/see) _____it?
4. She (spend)_____two months touring Europe last summer.
5. (you/ read) _____any books by Stephen King?
6. John Grisham (write)_____*The Firm.* I (not buy) _____it yet.
7. Mark Spitz (win)_____seven medals at the 1972 Olympics in Munich.
8. Last week a new art gallery (open)_____in our neighbourhood.
9. I (not read) _____a single newspaper this week. I'm too busy.

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12. PAST PERFECT or SIMPLE PAST. Choose the correct answer.

1. By the time the police (*arrived, had arrived*), the burglar *(had escaped, escaped*)
1. Lifeguards (*rescued, had rescued*) the swimmers by the time the helicopter (*arrived, had arrived*)
2. Alan (*didn't know, hadn't known*) what to do. Someone (*locked, had locked*) the door and he had no key.
3. Tom (*fail, had failed*) his driving text before he finally (*had passed, passed*) it.
4. Because it (*snowed, had snowed*) all night, we (*decided, had decided*) to go skiing.
6. When they (*had recruited, recruited*) enough volunteers, they (*began, had begun*) picking the fruit.

13.Fill in the blanks with the PAST PERFECT or SIMPLE PAST form of the verbs in brackets. What action happened first?

1. Tom (run)_____the business alone for years before he (take)_____ a partner.

2. After he (write)_____the cheque, he (cash)_____ it.
3. His bicycle was no longer in the shed. Burglars (steal) _____it.
4. (she/ not move)_____ with her boyfriend by the time she got married?
5. Mary was a wealthy woman. She (inherit)_____ everything from her parents.

7.Because he (not book) _____a ticket, he couldn't see the play.

8.He was able to travel when he (save)_____enough money.

9.After the pianist (play)_____in London, he (go) _____to Paris for a holiday.

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