

**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.

**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

**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

**G** Circle the correct word or phrase.

- 1 When she was a girl, my mum **would** / **used to** live in a village.
- 2 I really can't **be** / **get** used to having a new baby brother.
- 3 People **would** / **are used to** die of diseases in the past that we can cure today.
- 4 There **would** / **used to** be a cinema on this corner, but they knocked it down.
- 5 It was strange at first, but I'm used to **play** / **playing** the bagpipes now.
- 6 Didn't you **use to** / **be used to** have blonde hair?
- 7 Christopher was **being** / **getting** used to the idea of joining the army.
- 8 People never **would** / **used to** be so worried about crime in this area.

**H** Complete each second sentence using the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Write between two and five words in each gap.

- 1 People walked more fifty years ago than they do now. **would**  
Fifty years ago, ..... than they do now.
- 2 My parents wouldn't let me stay out late when I was young. **used**  
My parents ..... let me stay out late when I was young.
- 3 Did you know that Carol played basketball for her country? **to**  
Did you know that Carol ..... basketball for her country?
- 4 Sending messages around the world instantly is no longer unusual. **got**  
We ..... messages around the world instantly.
- 5 When he was a teacher, my dad often used to get home quite late. **would**  
When he was a teacher, my dad ..... quite late.
- 6 Do you think you could learn to live without your mobile phone? **used**  
Do you think you could ..... without your mobile phone?
- 7 In the past, people wouldn't go as far away on holiday as they do today. **use**  
In the past, people ..... as far away on holiday as they do today.
- 8 This town has a lot more cinemas than it had in the past. **used**  
This town ..... so many cinemas.

**J** Write one word in each gap.

*The night before*

Jane lay awake. She had (1) ..... preparing for the next day (2) ..... a long time and now she couldn't sleep. Her team (3) ..... playing the local champions at water polo in the final and Jane was the captain. She (4) ..... feeling the pressure. She turned over and remembered how she (5) ..... learned to swim. Her father had taught her. They (6) ..... go to the local pool every day after school and her father (7) ..... to show her what to do. She hadn't liked the water at first, but she soon (8) ..... used to it. She learned quickly and joined the water polo team. She had (9) ..... their youngest member!

She quickly got used to scoring goals and (10) ..... under pressure, but tomorrow was different. It was the biggest match of her life. She closed her eyes again and tried to get to sleep. 'I (11) ..... used to have problems sleeping,' she thought to herself. 'But then again, I didn't (12) ..... to be the captain of the team.' She watched the clock change slowly and knew that it was going to be a long night.