PAST TENSES REVISION

1-PAST SIMPLE VS. PAST CONTINUOUS! Put the verbs in brackets into the *past simple* or the *past continuous*.

She **1)** ...*was lying*... (lie) in bed when she **2)** ..... (hear) a sudden noise. She **3)** ..... (open) her eyes in horror. Someone **4)** ..... (open) a downstairs window; they **5)** ..... (try) to get into her house. She **6)** ..... (climb) slowly out of bed and **7)** ..... (creep) to the door. She **8)** ..... (stand) very still and listening carefully when she **9)** ..... (see) a light downstairs. It **10)** ..... (move) about as if someone **11)** ..... (hold) a torch and searching for something. She **12)** ..... (know) that they **13)** .....(look) for her.

2-USED TO – PRESENT SIMPLE! Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

talk	not have	dress	wear (x2)	not talk	spend	not watch

Life was different sixty years ago. People (1) _____ the things we have nowadays. First of all, they (2) _____ TV and they (3) _____ to each other a lot.

Nowadays, people (4) _____ to each other much because they (5) _____ a lot of time watching TV. Sixty years ago, people (6) _____ differently. For example, women (7) _____ longer dresses and men usually (8) _____ a suit and a tie on Sundays.

3- PAST PERFECT VS. PAST SIMPLE! Put the verbs in brackets into the *past perfect* or *past simple* to make the order of events clear. The first one is done for you.

a- When he (make) his decision he (go) to talk to the manager.
When he had made his decision, he went to talk to the manager.

b- He (work) at the company for ten years when he (retire).

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c- He (can not) get into his flat because he (forget) his keys.

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d- I (not eat) since the morning so I (be) really hungry by eight o´clock.

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e- When she (wash and change), she (call) a taxi.

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f- She (want) to visit Rome because she (read) a lot about it.

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g- They (arrive) late because they (miss) the bus.

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4- PAST PERFECT VS PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS! Choose the correct form of the verbs to complete the story.

1 He'd never *fallen* / *been falling* in love before. She was his first love.

2 They'd *gone* / *been going* out together for a couple of months.

3 Then she'd *started* / *been starting* making excuses so as not to see him.

4 She'd *met* / *been meeting* another man at a party a few weeks earlier.

5 She'd *seen* / *been seeing* him for a few weeks.

6 He hadn't *realised* / *been realising* what was happening.

7 Then one day, he'd *seen* / *been seeing* the two of them walking *down the street* hand in hand.

8 And he understood that she'd *found* / *been finding* a new boyfriend.

5- PAST TENSES REVIEW! Complete the story using the past simple, past continuous, past perfect or past perfect continuous.

It was 8 o'clock and at last I was ready. I [1] _____ (spend) hours deciding what to wear. This was a special occasion and I [2] _____ (want) to look my best. I [3] _____ (walk) to the bus stop when a friend [4] _____ (pass) me in his car. He [5] _____ (drive) into town. He [6] _____ (offer) to give me a lift. We [7] _____ (stop) the car opposite the restaurant. I could see the people inside. They [8] _____ (already/start) eating. As I waited on the pavement, a huge lorry [9] _____ (drive) straight through a big puddle of water. My dress was covered in mud. I [10] _____ (look) a real mess. All the customers in the restaurant [11] _____ (laugh) at me. I [12] _____ (never/feel) so embarrassed in my whole life.