

FILE 2 GRAMMAR REVIEW

I. Put the verbs in parentheses in the simple past.

Two summers ago we **took** (take) our vacation in Vancouver. We _____ (drive) there from San Francisco, but our car _____ (break) down on the freeway, and we _____ (spend) the first night in Seattle. When we _____ (get) to Vancouver we _____ (not can) find a good hotel – they _____ (be) all full. We _____ (not know) what to do, but finally we _____ (find) a bed and breakfast, and we _____ (stay) there for a week. We _____ (see) the botanical gardens, _____ (go) to an arts festival, and we _____ (buy) a lot of souvenirs. We _____ (want) to go to Victoria, but we _____ (not have) enough time and it _____ (be) too far away. The weather _____ (not be) very good, and it _____ (start) raining the day we _____ (leave).



II. Complete the questions in the simple past.

Where did you go on vacation last year?

We went to Orlando, Florida.

1) _____ a good time?

Yes, we had a great time.

2) _____ with?

I went with my family.

3) _____ ?

We stayed in a hotel.

4) _____ the plane ticket _____ ?

It cost \$259

5) _____ the weather like?

It was hot and sunny.

6) _____ at night?

We went to cafes and restaurants.

III. Complete the sentences with a verb in the past continuous.

I **was eating** dinner, so I didn't answer the phone. (eat)

1) I took this photo when my wife _____ in the yard. (work)

2) He met his wife when he _____ in Japan. (live)

3) They _____ for us when we arrived. (not wait)

4) _____ she _____ a coat when she went out? (wear)

5) The sun _____ when I left for work. (shine)

6) What _____ you _____ at 7:30 last night? (do)

7) I _____ when you gave the instructions. (not listen)

8) We _____ TV when you called. (not watching)

IV. Put the verbs into the simple past or past continuous.

She **arrived** when we **were having** dinner. (arrive, have)

1) I _____ my arm when I _____ soccer.
(break, play)

2) _____ you _____ fast when the police _____
you? (drive, stop)

3) It _____ when we _____ the restaurant.
(snow, leave)

- 4) I _____ the game because I _____. (not see, work)
- 5) When you _____ me, I _____ to my boss. (can, talk)
- 6) We _____ in the library when we _____. (study, meet)
- 7) _____ they _____ in Tokyo when they _____ their first baby? (live, have)

V. Put the sentences in the right order.

- _____ He told me he was a police officer and that they were looking for a thief.
- _____ Then another man tried to do the same.
- _____ One day in 2011 I was standing in line for a bus.
- _____ The next day I read the story in a newspaper.
- _____ When the second man went in from of me, I told him to go and stand in line.
- _____ A few seconds later, the first police officer got off the bus with a man.
- _____ Suddenly a man ran in front of me and got on the bus.
- _____ After that, a police car came and took the men away.

VI. Complete the sentences with *so*, *because*, *but*, or *although*.

We couldn't find a taxi, so we walked home.

- 1) _____ it was very cold, she wasn't wearing a coat.
- 2) I woke up in the night _____ there was a noise.
- 3) I called him, _____ his cell phone was turned off.
- 4) _____ she's very nice, she doesn't have many friends.

- 5) There was nothing on TV, _____ I went to bed.
- 6) All the cafes were full _____ it was a holiday.
- 7) She wanted to be a doctor, _____ she failed her exams.
- 8) The yard looked very beautiful, _____ I took a photograph.
- 9) _____ the team played well, it didn't win.

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VII. Complete the sentences with in, on, or at.

My brother works in the evening.

- 1) We're going to have a picnic _____ Saturday afternoon.
- 2) Are the teachers _____ school?
- 3) I like to get up really early, _____ sunrise, when the birds start to sing.
- 4) Tom's birthday is next week, _____ January 14.
- 5) The kids were playing _____ the park.
- 6) My family and I like to ski _____ winter.
- 7) I have to pick up my mother _____ the airport next weekend.
- 8) Our school cafeteria opens for lunch _____ noon.
- 9) Laura met her boyfriend _____ a party.
- 10) We moved to this city _____ 2012.
- 11) Are you going to do anything special _____ your birthday?