Check 4 Past tenses

1 Circle the correct answer.

1 When I was a child, we *often used* / *would often* sit in the garden on summer evenings.
2 As soon as she put the phone down, she *started* / *had started* to cry.
3 I *used to* / *would* own a house in the country but I sold it.
4 We waited until we had finished work and then we *took* / *had taken* a break.
5 They *didn't used to live* / *weren't used to living* in a flat but they don't mind it now.
6 It was now evening and we *were driving* / *had been driving* all day.
7 Where *did you use to* / *would you* work before you got this job?
8 Giles and Max *used to argue* / *were used to arguing* but they get along fine now.

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24a Circle the correct answer.

It (0) *happened* / *was happening* in June 1985. It was summer and we (1) *relaxed* / *were relaxing* in the garden. My mother (2) *read* / *was reading* a book and my uncle (3) *dozed* / *was dozing* peacefully in the sun. We children (4) *looked* / *were looking* for worms and insects. And then he (5) *arrived* / *was arriving*. He was a handsome man with piercing eyes and he (6) *looked* / *was looking* straight at my mother. Her face (7) *went* / *was going* pale.

'Arthur, I (8) *thought* / *was thinking* you were dead!' she said.

3 Complete the extract from a story. Use the past simple, past perfect simple or past perfect continuous of the verbs in the box.

arrive	go	only / be	rain	smell	talk

It was a beautiful morning. It (17) ..... in the night and the next morning the air (18) ..... fresh. No one was awake, though, because we (19) ..... to bed late the night before. Our cousins (20) ..... unexpectedly that evening and we (21) ..... for most of the night. By eight o'clock in the morning we (22) ..... in bed for three hours.

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27d Complete the sentences. Use *will, shall, be going to*, the present simple or continuous and the verbs in brackets.

0 If you ..... *see* ..... Pete, would you tell him I'm looking for him? (see)

1 A: ..... Luis and Sondra round for a meal? (we / invite)
B: That's a good idea.

2 I think things ..... better after a good night's sleep. I'm sure you ..... so bad in the morning. (look, not feel)

3 What's wrong? You look as if you ..... . (cry)

4 They ..... on Saturday morning and they ..... back for three weeks. They booked the holiday months ago. (leave, not come)

5 I ..... any more work today. My train ..... in half an hour. (not do, leave)

6 Zoe ..... round the world when she ..... school. (travel, finish)

7 The President ..... the nation at two this afternoon. (address)

8 We ..... our computer system later this year. We don't know exactly when the work ..... but we hope it ..... finished by the end of the summer. (change, start, be)

5 Complete the conversations. Use the present simple, future simple (*will/shall*), future continuous, future perfect simple or future perfect continuous and the verbs in brackets.

A: I'd love to read that book.
B: I think I (31) ..... (finish) it by the weekend and then you can borrow it.
A: Really? Thanks.

A: I (32) ..... (take) the car to work tomorrow. Would you like a lift?
B: Thanks, that would be great.
A: I (33) ..... (leave) the house at seven thirty so I can collect you shortly afterwards.
B: That's fine. The bus I usually catch (34) ..... (leave) at seven.

A: Why don't you come to our place this evening at nine? The children (35) ..... (go) to bed by then.
B: Thanks, I will. (36) ..... (I / bring) a DVD?
A: Good idea. (37) ..... (you / eat) or should I prepare some food?
B: Oh, please don't bother. I (38) ..... (have) dinner with my parents tonight.
A: Fine. I (39) ..... (work) all day and I probably (40) ..... (not feel) like cooking.

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