Exercise 1

Place the verbs in brackets in to either the Past Simple or Past Continuous tense.

1. The wind (**blow**) while John (**walk**) along the sea shore. The children (**play**) on the beach. A bus (**come**) around the corner and (**stop**) at the bus stop. John (**get on**) the bus and (**go**) to the city centre. He (**jump off**) the bus and (**cross**) the road. He (**walk**) towards the hotel when he (**hear**) someone calling his name. He (**turn**) around and (**see**) his friend Trevor. They (**go**) into the café for something to eat and a chat.

2. Last weekend Mary (**take**) her bike and (**ride**) to the lake. She (**meet**) her friends there and they (**go**) swimming. They (**sit**) in the sun but it soon (**begin**) to rain. They (**run**) for shelter under the trees. After a while it (**stop**) and they (**go**) home. They (**decide**) to go to the cinema and (**call**) a taxi to collect them. They (**enjoy**) the movie and (**be**) all very excited.

Exercise 2

Put the verbs in brackets into the Present Simple or the Present Continuous.

1. **Josh:** Sorry Mum, but I **dropped** (**drop**) the glass on the floor.
   Mum: Never mind. Just be careful next time.
2. **Greg:** _____ (**you/watch**) the horror film last night?
   Peter: Yes, but I _____ (**not/enjoy**) it.
3. **Mary:** _____ your neighbours _____ (**move**) house yesterday?
   Alice: Yes, we _____ (**help**) them move their boxes.
5. **Andy:** A train _____ (**crash**) last night.
   Sam: I know. Luckily, all the passengers _____ (**survive**).
6. **Ann:** Susan _____ (**not/play**) tennis yesterday.
   Claire: I know. She's playing today instead.
7. **Sarah:** _____ you _____ (**see**) Kate yesterday?
   Paul: Yes. We _____ (**have**) lunch together.

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Exercise 3

Choose the correct answer.

1. Jacques Cousteau ___B___ the oceans.
   A explores B explored C is exploring
2. Sam _____ a bicycle, but now he drives a car.
   A is riding B used to ride C rides
3. I _____ an interesting book at the moment.
   A don't read B read C am reading
5. He _____ home early yesterday because he felt ill.
   A went B is going C used to go
6. Mr Jones _____ , but he does now.
   A used to travel B didn't use to travel C travelled
7. I _____ a noise, so I went to see what it was.
   A heard B hear C am hearing
8. Peter _____ how to use a computer at present.
   A learnt B is learning C learns
9. I _____ to a party last night
   A used to go B went C was going

Exercise 4

Used To or Past Simple? Put the verbs into the correct form

1. Mother **cleaned** (clean) the windows twice last week.
2. They _____ (not/go) on holiday to Spain last year.
3. Mary _____ (not/sing) in the school choir yesterday.
4. Peter often _____ (fight) with his little brother when he was young.
5. Mother Teresa _____ (help) the poor people of India.
6. Her sister _____ (bake) this beautiful cake on Monday.
7. _____ Sam _____ (enjoy) his trip to Wales last weekend?
8. John _____ (fall) and _____ (hurt) his elbow.

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- ***Re-write the sentences below using "used to".***

1. Last month, I rode my bicycle to school. Now, I don't ride my bicycle to school.
   I used to ride my bicycle to school.
2. Ten years ago, I studied Japanese. Now, I don't study Japanese.

   _____.
3. Before, I didn't do exercise. Now, I do exercise.

   _____.
4. Last year, my classmate didn't study hard. Now, he studies hard.

   _____.
5. A long time ago, people didn't have electricity. Now, people have electricity.

   _____.
6. When I was young, I was lazy. Now, I'm not lazy.

   _____.
7. A long time ago, people didn't have TV. Now, people have TV.

   _____.
8. When Sarah was younger, she was short. Now, Sarah is tall.

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