

## Past Simple & Past Continuous Exercises

### 1 – Past Simple

Complete the sentences with the verb in brackets in the Past Simple tense (affirmative, negative or interrogative as indicated).

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) London last summer.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not / like) the movie.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (see) Tom at the party yesterday?
4. My parents \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a new car last month.
5. It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) a lot last night.
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ (forget) my homework at home.
7. They \_\_\_\_\_ (not / go) to school on Friday.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ (call) you after the meeting?
9. We \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a great time on holiday.
10. The concert \_\_\_\_\_ (start) at 8 p.m.

### 2 – Past Continuous

Complete the sentences with the verb in brackets in the Past Continuous tense.

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a book when you called me.
2. They \_\_\_\_\_ (not / sleep) at midnight.
3. What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) at 9 o'clock last night?
4. She \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV when her brother came.
5. We \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) to school when it started to rain.
6. The children \_\_\_\_\_ (play) in the garden all afternoon.
7. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not / study); he \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to music.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) when you left home?
9. My friends \_\_\_\_\_ (dance) when the lights went out.
10. While I \_\_\_\_\_ (drive), my phone suddenly rang.

### 3 – Complete the sentences with the verb in brackets

Use past simple or past continuous.

1. While I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) home, I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) an old friend.
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a film when the lights \_\_\_\_\_ (go) out.
3. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not / hear) the phone because she \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to music.
4. What \_\_\_\_\_ (you / do) when the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive)?
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ (break) my leg while I \_\_\_\_\_ (play) football.

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### 4 - Used to

Complete the sentences with the correct form of “used to”

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (play) tennis when I was a child.
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not / eat) vegetables when he was young.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (go) camping with your parents?
4. My grandparents \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in a small village.
5. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not / have) a computer at home.

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### 5 – Choose the correct answer:

1. When I (was cooking / cooked) dinner, the phone rang.
2. They (used to play / were playing) football every weekend.
3. I (was reading / read) a book when I heard a noise.
4. My father (didn't use to / wasn't) work in this company.
5. While we (watched / were watching) the match, it started to rain.