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.

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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.

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