

PAST TENSES (B2 level)

1. Complete the sentences using **PAST SIMPLE**.

- (single completed action)* My colleague _____ (**finish**) her project late last night.
- (general truth about the past)* Ben _____ (**write**) letters to his friends before emails became popular.
- (single completed action)* She _____ (**not finish**) her homework on time.
- (habit in the past)* They _____ (**visit**) their grandparents every summer.
- (past habit)* _____ (**you / watch**) cartoons when you were younger?
- (habit in the past)* They _____ (**not / play**) outside during the winter.
- (main event in a story)* The hero _____ (**find**) the hidden treasure and saved the village.
- (emphasizing the statement)* We did _____ (**enjoy**) the trip, despite the bad weather.
- (general fact about the past)* People _____ (**not / use**) smartphones 100 years ago.
- (completed action)* _____ (**Tim / go**) to the meeting yesterday?

2. Complete the sentences using **PAST CONTINUOUS**.

- Jennie _____ (**read**) a book at 8 p.m. yesterday.
- The kids _____ (**talk**) while we were preparing dinner.
- Andrew _____ (**not / listen**) to the teacher during the lesson.
- _____ (**they / play**) football when it started to rain?
- The sun _____ (**shine**) and the birds were singing as the story began.
- Clary and Jace _____ (**not / work**) on the project last night.
- She _____ (**not / exercise**) at that moment when they arrived.
- We _____ (**stay**) in a small hotel during our trip.
- _____ (**she / sleep**) when you called her?
- We _____ (**not / study**) for the test all evening.

3. Read the sentences and choose between **PAST SIMPLE** and **PAST CONTINUOUS**.

- My friend _____ (**call**) me while I _____ (**do**) my homework.
- They _____ (**have**) dinner when someone _____ (**knock**) on the window.
- Brenda _____ (**walk**) in the park when it suddenly _____ (**start**) to rain.
- The teacher _____ (**stop**) the game while they _____ (**play**) football.
- We _____ (**watch**) a film when the electricity _____ (**go**) out.
- My parents _____ (**come**) home while I _____ (**sleep**).

4. Read the sentences and choose between **PAST SIMPLE** and **PAST PERFECT**.

- She _____ (**finish**) all her homework before she _____ (**go**) out with her friends.
- I _____ (**realise**) that I _____ (**forget**) my wallet when I tried to pay for lunch.
- They _____ (**already / leave**) the building when the manager _____ (**arrive**) to check the office.
- She _____ (**feel**) very tired because she _____ (**not / sleep**) well the night before.
- We _____ (**be**) surprised when we heard that the film _____ (**win**) so many awards.
- He _____ (**never / see**) the ocean before he _____ (**visit**) Spain last summer.

5. Complete the sentences using **PAST PERFECT** or **PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS**.

- She _____ (**walk**) for hours, so she was quite tired when she got home.
- Lance was happy because he _____ (**pass**) the exam.
- They _____ (**manage**) to finish building the house before winter arrived.
- I didn't sleep much so I was in a bad mood because I _____ (**study**) all night long.
- Mrs Carlton _____ (**send**) three important emails before the meeting started.
- The teacher felt exhausted because he _____ (**work**) without a break.

6. Read the sentences carefully and choose one of the **PAST TENSES** to complete them.

- At 8 p.m. in the evening, I _____ (**study**) for my exam.
- Last year, they _____ (**travel**) to Italy and visited several famous cities.
- The streets were wet because it _____ (**rain**) since early morning.
- After they _____ (**eat**) dinner, they went for a walk.
- Jessica _____ (**graduate**) from secondary school in 2024.
- The children were excited because they _____ (**plan**) the trip for months.
- She was nervous because she _____ (**not prepare**) for the presentation at home.
- While they _____ (**walk**) through the park, they saw a beautiful sunset.