

HOMework - PAST TENSES REVISION

Exercise 1. Match the sentences (1–12) with the correct description (a–l).

- _____ 1 It was raining and the wind was blowing.
_____ 2 He was exhausted because he had been walking all day.
_____ 3 There was no milk left because Jack had drunk it all.
_____ 4 She had finished by 8 o'clock.
_____ 5 The storm broke out after we had been driving for four hours.
_____ 6 He got into the car, started the engine and drove away.
_____ 7 The party had already started by the time I arrived.
_____ 8 Heath Ledger died in 2008.
_____ 9 I was cycling to work when I fell off my bike.
_____ 10 The Beatles made lots of records.
_____ 11 I was sleeping at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.
_____ 12 She had been trying to find a job in Hollywood for years before she moved to Miami.

- a past equivalent of the Present Perfect
b action that was in progress at a stated past time
c past actions which happened one after the other
d action which is not connected with the present and happened at a definite past time not mentioned
e background description to events in a story
f emphasis on the duration of an action which started and finished in the past before another past action or a stated time in the past
g past equivalent of the Present Perfect Continuous
h past action which occurred before another action
i past action in progress interrupted by another
j past action which occurred before a stated time in the past
k event which happened at a stated past time
l past action of certain duration which had visible results in the past

Exercise 2. A teacher is talking to a student. Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or the past continuous. Then choose the correct use (A–C) for each answer.

Uses

- A.** A completed action or state in the past.
B. An action in progress at a particular time in the past.
C. A longer action interrupted by a shorter action.

Teacher: James, why is your leg in a plaster cast? What 1)happened.... (happen)?

James: Well, yesterday afternoon when I 2) _____ (walk) home from school, I 3) _____ (slip) over on the ice and 4) _____ (break) my ankle.

Teacher: How awful!

James: It 5) _____ (be). And I 6) _____ (not/have) any credit on my mobile to call my parents.

Teacher: So, how did you get to hospital?

James: Well, I 7) _____ (lie) on the ground wondering what to do when, all of a sudden, I 8) _____ (see) my next door neighbour. He 9) _____ (take) his dog for a walk.

Teacher: That was lucky.

James: I know. Anyway, he 10) _____ (phone) my mum and she 11) _____ (come) and 12) _____ (take) me to hospital.

Teacher: Well, I'm very glad someone 13) _____ (find) you and I hope your leg mends soon.

Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Use	A												

Exercise 3. Put the verbs in brackets into the *past simple* or the *past perfect*. State which action happened first.

1 When I*left*.... (leave) the house, I*realised*.... (realise) that I*had forgotten*.... (forget) to take my keys with me.

First action:*had forgotten*....

2 After I _____ (finish) digging the garden, I _____ (decide) to go for a walk.

First action: _____

3 I _____ (lend) Alisha some money only after she _____ (promise) to give it back the next day.

First action: _____

4 Kate _____ (study) for her Maths test before she _____ (go) out with her friends.

First action: _____

5 I _____ (buy) Beckie a plant yesterday because she _____ (sing) so well in the concert the night before.

First action: _____

Exercise 4. Put the verb into the most suitable form, *past continuous* (I was doing), *past perfect* (I had done) or *past perfect continuous* (I had been doing). Then choose the correct use (A–D) for each answer.

Uses

- A. An action in progress at a particular time in the past.
- B. An action completed before another past action.
- C. An action that continued for a period of time before another past action (emphasis on duration).
- D. An action that continued up to a point in the past and produced a visible result.

1 It was very noisy next door. Our neighbours *were having* (have) a party.

- 2 We were good friends. *We'd known* (we / know) each other for years.
- 3 John and I went for a walk. I had difficulty keeping up with him because _____ (he / walk) so fast.
- 4 Sue was sitting on the ground. She was out of breath. _____ (she / run).
- 5 When I arrived, everybody was sitting round the table with their mouths full. _____ (they / eat).
- 6 When I arrived, everybody was sitting round the table and talking. Their mouths were empty, but their stomachs were full. _____ (they / eat).
- 7 James was on his hands and knees on the floor. _____ (he / look) for his contact lens.
- 8 When I arrived, Kate _____ (wait) for me. She was annoyed because I was late and _____ (she / wait) for a long time.
- 9 I was sad when I sold my car. _____ (I / have) it for a very long time.
- 10 We were extremely tired at the end of the journey. _____ (we / travel) for more than 24 hours.

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