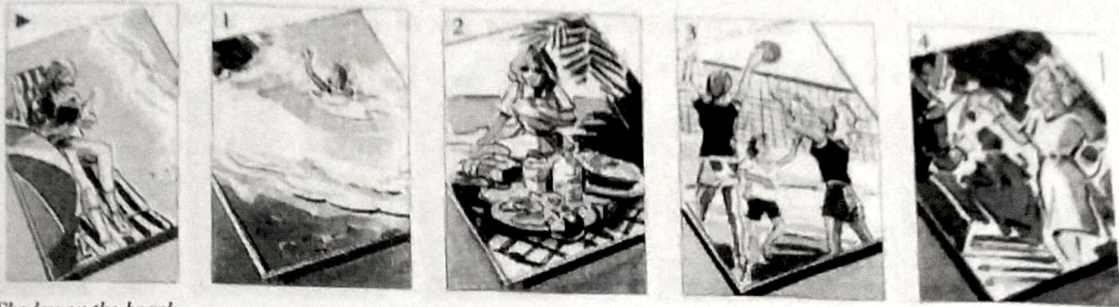


## 8 Exercises

### 1 Positive forms (B)

What did Claire do on holiday last month? Look at her photos and use these words:  
*go out dancing, have a picnic, lie on the beach, play volleyball, swim in the sea*



► She lay on the beach

1 ..... 3 .....

2 ..... 4 .....

### 2 Positive forms (B)

Complete the newspaper story about a fire. Put in the past simple forms of the verbs.

Two people (►) *died* (die) in a fire in Ellis Street, Oldport yesterday morning. They  
 (1) ..... (be) Herbert and Molly Paynter, a couple in their seventies. The fire  
 (2) ..... (start) at 3.20 am. A neighbour, Mr Aziz, (3) ..... (see)  
 the flames and (4) ..... (call) the fire brigade. He also  
 (5) ..... (try) to get into the house and rescue his neighbours, but the heat  
 (6) ..... (be) too great. The fire brigade (7) ..... (arrive) in five  
 minutes. Twenty fire-fighters (8) ..... (fight) the fire and finally  
 (9) ..... (bring) it under control. Two fire-fighters (10) .....  
 (enter) the burning building but (11) ..... (find) the couple dead.

### 3 Negatives and questions (C)

Complete the conversation. Put in the past simple negatives and questions.

Claire: (►) *Did you have* (you / have) a nice weekend in Paris?

Mark: Yes, thanks. It was good. We looked around and then we saw a show.

(1) ..... (we / not / try) to do too much.

Claire: What sights (2) ..... (you / see)?

Mark: We had a look round the Louvre. (3) ..... (I / not / know) there was so much  
 in there.

Claire: And what show (4) ..... (you / go) to?

Mark: Oh, a musical. I forget the name. (5) ..... (I / not / like) it.

Claire: Oh, dear. And (6) ..... (Sarah / enjoy) it?

Mark: No, not really. But we enjoyed the weekend. Sarah did some shopping, too, but

(7) ..... (I / not / want) to go shopping.

## 9 Exercises

### 1 Form (B)

Today is the first of January, the start of a new year. Most people are feeling a bit tired. What were they doing at midnight last night?

Use these verbs: *dance, drive, listen, watch, write*

Use these phrases after the verb: *an essay, his taxi, in the street, television, to a band*



► Claire was listening to a band.

- 1 Trevor and Laura .....
- 2 Vicky and Rachel .....
- 3 Tom .....
- 4 Andrew .....

### 2 Form (B)

Complete the conversation. Put in the past continuous forms.

Jessica: (►) *I was looking* (I / look) for you, Vicky. I'm afraid I've broken this dish.

Vicky: Oh no! What (1).....(you / do)?

Jessica: (2)..... (I / take) it into the kitchen.

I bumped into Emma. (3)..... (she / come) out just as

(4)..... (I / go) in.

Vicky: I expect it was your fault. (5)..... (you / not / look) where

(6)..... (you/ go).

Jessica: Sorry. I'll buy you another one as soon as I have some money.

### 3 Use(C)

**What** can you say in these situations? Add a sentence with the past continuous to say that an action lasted a long time.

► You had to work yesterday. The work went on all day.

*/ was working all day.*

- 1 You had to make phone calls. The calls went on all evening.
- 2 You had to wait in the rain. The wait lasted for half an hour.
- 3 You had to make sandwiches. This went on all afternoon.
- 4 You had to sit in a traffic jam. You were there for two hours.
- 5 Your neighbour played loud music. This went on all night.

## Test 2 Past simple and past continuous (Units 8-10)

### Test 2A

Put in the past simple of the verbs in brackets.

- The car *stopped* (stop) at the lights.
- 1 We ..... (leave) the cinema before the end of the film.
  - 2 The streets ..... (be) crowded with people.
  - 3 My grandmother ..... (die) last year.
  - 4 Everyone ..... (have) a marvellous time.
  - 5 We ..... (not / like) the food they gave us.
  - 6 Claire ..... (go) to Egypt last month.
  - 7 The accident ..... (happen) last weekend.
  - 8 It ..... (not / be) a very comfortable journey.
  - 9 I ..... (know) that ages ago.

### Test 2B

Write a second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the word in brackets.

- There were lights on the spacecraft, (had)  
*The spacecraft had lights on it.*

- 1 I had my old coat on. (wearing)
- 2 I was on holiday, and you were on holiday, too. (we)
- 3 It isn't true that I made a mistake, (didn't)
- 4 The boys were in the middle of a game of cards, (playing)
- 5 No one told me about the change of plan, (know)
- 6 My friend was the winner of the competition, (won)
- 7 Is it a fact that the Romans built this wall? (did)

### Test 2C

Lorna Bright is a long-distance walker. Look at this part of her diary describing a morning's walk along the coast. Write the missing words. Use one word only in each space.

It was a fine day (►) *when* I started out on the last part of my walk around the coast of Britain. The sun was (1) ....., and a light wind (2) ..... blowing from the south-west. I was pleased that it (3) ..... raining. I knew by now that I (4) ..... like rain. In fact I (5) ..... it.

I (6) ..... along the cliff top and then down into the lovely little fishing village of Wellburn, past a cafe where people (7) ..... having morning coffee. Three miles past Wellburn I (8) ..... down for five minutes and (9) ..... a drink.

Now it (10) ..... getting warmer, so I (11) ..... off one of my sweaters. I (12) ..... stop for long because I (13) ..... to reach Seabury by lunch-time. (14) ..... I finally got there, it (15) ..... just after half past twelve.

### Test 2D

Each of these sentences has a mistake in it. Write the correct sentence.

The hotel were very quite.

*The hotel was very quiet.*

- 1 ~~It was peaceful, and the birds were sing.~~
- 2 ~~I washed my hair when the phone rang.~~
- 3 ~~You came to the club last night.~~
- 4 ~~It taked ages to ge home.~~
- 5 ~~We tried to keep quiet because the baby sleeping~~
- 6 ~~As I was watching him, the man was suddenly running away.~~
- 7 ~~We pass a petrol station two minutes ago.~~
- 8 ~~Everything was seeming OK.~~
- 9 ~~Where bought you that bag?~~
- 10 ~~When I heard the alarm I was having the room immediately.~~

### Test 2E

Complete the sentences. Put in the correct form of each verb. Use the past continuous or past simple. ►

When Martin *arrived* (arrive) home, Anna *was talking* (talk) to someone on the phone. Martin *started* (start) to get the tea.

- 1 I..... (lie) in the bath when the phone..... (ring).  
It.....(stop) after a few rings.
  - 2 It.....(be) cold when we..... ... (leave) the house that day, and  
alight snow.....(fall).
  - 3 Your friend who..... (come) here the other day..... (seem)  
very nice. I.....(enjoy) meeting her.
  - 4 When I..... (see) the man, he..... (stand) outside the bank.  
He..... (have) a black baseball cap on.
  - 5 When I..... (open) the cupboard door, a pile of books  
(fall) out.
  - 6 I..... (walk) along the street when I suddenly..... (feel)  
something hit me in the back. I..... (not / know) what it was.
- We..... (go) to London yesterday, but on the way  
We..... (hear) about a bomb scare in Oxford Street. So  
We..... (drive) back home straightaway.
- 8 Something very strange..... (happen) to me on my way home from work  
yesterday afternoon. I..... (drive) along the bypass at the time. Suddenly  
I..... (see) my mother in the seat beside me. But she died three years ago.

EXERCISES

6.1 Complete the sentences using these pairs of verbs. Use the past simple in one space and the past continuous in the other. (A & B)

arrive/get    go/get    meet/work    look/slip    wait/order    ski/break

- 1 Just as I was getting into the bath the fire alarm went off.
- 2 Helen ..... her leg while she ..... in Switzerland.
- 3 We ..... when I ..... in a music shop.
- 4 When his mother ..... in the other direction Steve ..... away quietly.
- 5 I ..... a drink while I ..... for Pam to arrive.
- 6 Our guests were early.  
They ..... as I ..... changed.



This time, use the same tense in both spaces. (B)

close/sit    come/put    not concentrate/think    shut/start    take/place    write/drive

- 7 She ..... the door and ..... down quickly.
- 8 I ..... the windows as soon as it ..... to rain.
- 9 I'm sorry, I ..... I ..... about Jim.
- 10 It was an amazing coincidence. Just as I ..... to Anne, she ..... to my house to come and see me.
- 11 When the taxi ..... I ..... my suitcase on the back seat.
- 12 He ..... the cake out of the oven and ..... it carefully on the table.

6.2 Look at the past continuous verbs you wrote in 6.1:1-6. Which of these could **also** be in the past simple? What difference in meaning, if any, would there be? (A, B & C)

6.3 Complete the sentences with one of these verbs: **be, enjoy, have, live**. Use the same verb for each sentence in the pair. In one, you can use only the past simple; in the other you can use either the past simple or the past continuous. (C)

- 1 a It was now getting late, and my eyes ..... trouble focusing on the birds in the disappearing light.  
b I ..... trouble with that car the whole of the time I owned it.
- 2 a As a historian, I'm interested in how people ..... in the past.  
b During that hard winter, people ..... by selling what few remaining possessions they had.
- 3 a She ..... very good at talking to children in a way that kept them entertained.  
b Before the party, the children got very excited and ..... naughty.
- 4 a He ..... learning Japanese until the class had a new teacher.  
b Even when he was young, Jonathan ..... learning languages.

6.4 Correct the sentences if necessary or put a ✓. (D)

- 1 Whenever I called in on Sam, he talked on the phone.
- 2 When I lived in Paris, I was spending three hours a day travelling to and from work.
- 3 Peterson was winning the tournament four times before he retired.
- 4 We were having to play netball twice a week when I went to school.
- 5 The weather was so good last summer that we went to the beach most weekends.