### Past Simple / Past Continuous / Past Perfect Simple

#### **A** Choose the correct answer.

- 1. I heard a knock at the front door so I (went / was going) to answer it.
- 2. At this time yesterday, I (wrote / was writing) an essay.
- 3. The football season (began / was beginning) a month ago.
- 4. She (had graduated / graduated) from school in 2001.
- 5. We entered the house quietly because everyone (was sleeping / had slept).
- 6. By the time we (got / had got) to the cinema, the film had already started.
- 7. The children (were playing / played) in the garden while their parents were watching them.
- 8. They (had left / left) many hours before we arrived.

# **B** Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple, Past Continuous or Past Perfect Simple.

- 1. They ..... (get) to the airport as the plane was landing.
- 2. She wore the shoes she ..... (buy) the previous day.
- 3. I fell as I ..... (run) for the bus.
- 4. What ...... (say) when he asked her to marry him?
- 5. When I was a student, I ..... (not have) much money.
- 6. Why ...... (work) at one o'clock in the morning?
- 7. I was happy to see her, because we ..... (not see) each other for years.
- 8. By the time we got to the shop, a long queue ...... already ...... already ...... (form) outside.

#### **C** Choose the sentence which is closer in meaning to the original.

- 1. I had already seen the film but I decided to watch it again last night.
  - a. I watched the film last night for the first time.
  - b. Last night wasn't the first time that I had seen the film.
- 2. The boys were playing football while it was raining.
  - a. The boys were playing football until it started to rain.
  - b. The boys played football in the rain.
- 3. I was writing an e-mail when our computer broke down.
  - a. Our computer broke down before I wrote an e-mail.
  - b. I had started writing an e-mail and then our computer broke down.
- 4. My aunt bought me a lovely gift after she had spent the summer holiday with us.
  - a. When the summer holiday was over, my aunt bought me a lovely gift.
  - b. While my aunt was spending the summer holiday with us, she bought us a lovely gift.

#### **D** Complete the passage with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

## Past Simple / Past Continuous / Past Perfect Simple - Answers

- A 1. went
- 5. was sleeping
- 2. was writing
  - 7. were playing 8. had left

6. got

- 4. graduated
- **B** 1. got
  - 2. had bought

3. began

- 3. was running
- 4. did ... say
- 5. didn't have
- 6. was ... working
- 7. hadn't seen
- 8. had ... formed

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	2.	b	4.	а

- **D** 1. had heard
- 6. had invented
- 2. had already written 7. imagined
- 3. got
  - 8. became

- 4. was travelling
  5. reached
  9. were enjoying
  10. was thinking

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