

Exercises

Exercise A

Fill in the blanks with the simple past tense form of verbs given in brackets.

1. Last year I went (go) to England on a holiday.
2. I visited (visit) lots of interesting places.
3. I had been (be) with two friends of mine.
4. In the mornings we walked (walk) in the streets of London.
5. In the evenings we went (go) to clubs.
6. The weather had been (be) strangely fine.
7. But we saw (see) some beautiful rainbows.
8. They ate (eat) strange fruits they found (find) in the city.
9. The river by the other bank was (is) deep.
10. The most important thing parents forgot (forget) to provide their children was (is) 'self worth'.

Exercise B

Fill in the blanks with the simple past or past continuous form of the verb .

A : Hi , Mary , I did not see (see) you at school last Monday.

B : Hello , Bob. I did not come (come) on Monday. I wasn't feeling (fee) well, so I decided (decide) to go to the doctor.

A : Oh ! was (be) it serious ?

B : No, the doctor examined (examine) me and told (tell) me I had (have) the flu. He prescribed (prescribe) some medicine and told (tell) me to go home and rest.

A : Did you stay (stay) home all day last Monday?

B : No, only in the morning . I had (have) to work in the afternoon , and guess what ?

A : What ?

B : When a friend was driving (drive) me home , he crashed (crash) his car. He did not see (see) the

Red light.

A : Did anyone get (get) hurt ?

B : Thank God , nobody did (do).

A : I'm happy to hear that. Well, Mary , I have to rush now. While I listened (listen) to you story , I

remembered (remember) that my father asked (ask) me to go to the mechanic to get our car. See

you later. Take care.

B : You too. Bye.

### Exercise C

Choose the correct tense of the verb to complete each sentence below.

1. Jim and Susan will go (went / will go) to school tomorrow.
2. Sam sits down and writes (writes / wrote) in his notebook.
3. The energetic puppy was (is / was ) happy yesterday.
4. Mrs Smith will sing ( sang / will sing) a song in the talent show next month.
5. They talked (talk / talked) on the phone for three hours last night.
6. My baby sister spoke (speaks / spoke) for the first time yesterday !
7. Uncle scott will give (gave / will give) me a new video game tomorrow.
8. The teacher is reading (read / is reading) to her students right now.
9. Rahim will join (will join / joined ) college from tomorrow.
10. The River Thames runs (run / runs ) through London and is (is / was ) the most famous river of England.
11. You must reap what you have sown (saw/ sown) .
12. The poor begger was bitten (bit / bitten) by a mad dog.
13. He will go (will go / go) to London next month.
14. The new team will reach (reach / will reach) Australia today.
15. Rajan swam (swim / swam) across the river in two hours.

### Exercise D

Change the following sentences into the past tense.

1. Children are watching a circus show.  
Children were watching a circus show.
2. There are a couple of clowns who are entertaining the crowd.  
There were a couple of clowns who are entertaining the crowd.
3. The acrobatics by the trapeze artists are blood curdling.  
The acrobatics by the trapeze artists were blood curdling.
4. The juggler is too amazing.  
The juggler was too amazing.
5. The king of the jungle performs and obeys the trainer.  
The king of the jungle performed and obeys the trainer.
6. The elephant sits on the small stool.  
The elephant sat on the small stool.
7. During the interval people are enjoying cold drinks , patties and chips.  
During the interval people were enjoying cold drinks , patties and chips.
8. All in all the circus show is just too amazing and entertaining.  
All in all the circus show was just too amazing and entertaining.
9. He writes to his mother every week.  
He wrote to his mother every week.
10. The boy runs down the street at full speed.  
The boy ran down the street at full speed.