

Exercise 1

Place the verbs in brackets in to either the Past Simple or Past Continuous tense.

1. The wind (blow) while John (walk) along the sea shore. The children (play) on the beach. A bus (come) around the corner and (stop) at the bus stop. John (get on) the bus and (go) to the city centre. He (jump off) the bus and (cross) the road. He (walk) towards the hotel when he (hear) someone calling his name. He (turn) around and (see) his friend Trevor. They (go) into the café for something to eat and a chat.

2. Last weekend Mary (take) her bike and (ride) to the lake. She (meet) her friends there and they (go) swimming. They (sit) in the sun but it soon (begin) to rain. They (run) for shelter under the trees. After a while it (stop) and they (go) home. They (decide) to go to the cinema and (call) a taxi to collect them. They (enjoy) the movie and (be) all very excited.

Exercise 2

Put the verbs in brackets into the Present Simple or the Present Continuous.

1. Josh: Sorry Mum, but I **dropped** (drop) the glass on the floor.
Mum: Never mind. Just be careful next time.
2. Greg: _____ (you/watch) the horror film last night?
Peter: Yes, but I _____ (not/enjoy) it.
3. Mary: _____ your neighbours _____ (move) house yesterday?
Alice: Yes, we _____ (help) them move their boxes.
5. Andy: A train _____ (crash) last night.
Sam: I know. Luckily, all the passengers _____ (survive).
6. Ann: Susan _____ (not/play) tennis yesterday.
Claire: I know. She's playing today instead.
7. Sarah: _____ you _____ (see) Kate yesterday?
Paul: Yes. We _____ (have) lunch together.

Exercise 3

Choose the correct answer.

1. Jacques Cousteau **B** the oceans.
A explores B explored C is exploring
2. Sam _____ a bicycle, but now he drives a car.
A is riding B used to ride C rides
3. I _____ an interesting book at the moment.
A don't read B read C am reading
5. He _____ home early yesterday because he felt ill.
A went B is going C used to go
6. Mr Jones _____, but he does now.
A used to travel B didn't use to travel C travelled
7. I _____ a noise, so I went to see what it was.
A heard B hear C am hearing
8. Peter _____ how to use a computer at present.
A learnt B is learning C learns
9. I _____ to a party last night
A used to go B went C was going

Exercise 4

Used To or Past Simple? Put the verbs into the correct form

1. Mother **cleaned** (clean) the windows twice last week.
2. They _____ (not/go) on holiday to Spain last year.
3. Mary _____ (not/sing) in the school choir yesterday.
4. Peter often _____ (fight) with his little brother when he was young.
5. Mother Teresa _____ (help) the poor people of India.
6. Her sister _____ (bake) this beautiful cake on Monday.
7. _____ Sam _____ (enjoy) his trip to Wales last weekend?
8. John _____ (fall) and _____ (hurt) his elbow.