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## Past Simple (Indefinite)

### I. Choose the correct variant:

1. Our secretary ... five emails at the office yesterday.
  - a) received
  - b) did receive
  - c) receive
2. Last Sunday we ... golf in the country.
  - a) did play
  - b) played
  - c) were played
3. The other day my friend ... me to the party.
  - a) invites
  - b) invited
  - c) did invite
4. Last week students ... business letters at classes.
  - a) did translate
  - b) were translate
  - c) translated
5. Last Friday our teacher ... our mistakes after classes.
  - a) corrected
  - b) did correct
  - c) was correct
6. My friend ... me at 9 o'clock yesterday.
  - a) did phone
  - b) phoned
  - c) was phone
7. Five minutes ago my mother ... the front door and ... the window in the kitchen.
  - a) closed, opened

b) did close, did open

c) was close, was open

8. My friends ... to help me yesterday, but they ... busy.

a) wanted, did

b) did want, were

c) wanted, were

9. Many years ago this family ... in London.

a) were lived

b) lived

c) did live

10. Last Sunday our parents ... at home.

a) stayed

b) stayd

c) were stay

## **II. Which variant is right?**

1. Last year I ... my holiday in Ireland.

a) spend

b) had spent

c) spent

2. It ... great.

a) would be

b) was

c) was being

3. I ... around by car with two friends and we ... lots of interesting places.

a) was travelling, were visiting

b) travelled, visited

c) had travelled, visited

4. In the evenings we usually ... to a pub.

a) went

b) gone

c) were going

5. One night we even ... some Irish dances.

a) learned

b) were learning

c) had been learning

6. We ... very lucky with the weather.

a) are

b) were

c) have been

7. It ... a lot.

a) does not rain

b) did not rain

c) was not raining

8. I ... TV last week.

a) was watching

b) had been watching

c) watched

9. We... meat with my best friend yesterday.

a) ate

b) were eating

c) had eaten

10. The bus ... a few minutes ago.

a) has stopped

b) stopped

c) would stop

**III. Choose the correct variant:**

1. I ... my wife 9 years ago.
  - a) met
  - b) had met
  - c) was meeting
2. She ... the school in 2010.
  - a) has left
  - b) left
  - c) had left
3. He ... a new house last month.
  - a) bought
  - b) used to buy
  - c) would buy
4. Did she ... her home?
  - a) clean
  - b) cleaned
  - c) cleaning
5. I ... an interesting book last month.
  - a) read
  - b) readed
  - c) reading
6. We ... a lot of shopping at the shopping mall.
  - a) done
  - b) did
  - c) had done
7. He ... his finger and ... to hospital.
  - a) cut, has gone
  - b) cut, went
  - c) has cut, went

8. She ... her work at six o'clock.

- a) has finished
- b) had finished
- c) finished

9. The rain ... an hour ago.

- a) stoped
- b) stop
- c) stopped

10. It ... a new land.

- a) discovered
- b) would discover
- c) used to discover

**IV. Which variant is correct?**

1. We ... a movie last weekend.

- a) watched
- b) were watching
- c) had watched

2. We ... good friends.

- a) were
- b) were being
- c) had been

3. You ... at station.

- a) was
- b) were
- c) are

4. I ... to bed early yesterday.

- a) have gone
- b) had gone



c) went

5. George ... home very late last night.

a) comes

b) come

c) came

6. I ... my wallet.

a) forgot

b) have forgotten

c) forgotten

7. He ... a dog last year.

a) had

b) had had

c) had been had

8. Last year I ... to Germany.

a) was travelling

b) travelled

c) had travelled

9. Two boys ... with a ball.

a) had played

b) were playing

c) played

10. An old lady ... with her cat.

a) walked

b) was walking

c) had walked

### **Past Continuous (Progressive)**

#### **I. Choose the correct variant.**

1. I ... when you called me.

- a) sleeping
  - b) was sleeping
  - c) slept
2. They ... dinner when you arrived.
- a) were eating
  - b) ate
  - c) had eaten
3. Rita ... when it started to rain.
- a) walked
  - b) was walking
  - c) had walked
4. Rick and Sue ... their dog for a walk when it started to snow.
- a) were taking
  - b) took
  - c) had taken
5. While you ..., I was watching television.
- a) cleaned
  - b) were cleaning
  - c) had cleaned
6. The children ... through the movie.
- a) laughed
  - b) were laughing
  - c) had been laughing
7. It ... all day yesterday.
- a) rained
  - b) was raining
  - c) had rained
8. He ... while she was riding her bicycle.

- a) was running
- b) had run
- c) had been running

9. They ... while I was sleeping.

- a) were jogging
- b) had jogged
- c) had been jogging

10. The people ... when the fire alarm rang.

- a) worked
- b) were working
- c) had worked

**II. Choose the correct variant:**

1. Richard ... very fast when the police stopped him.

- a) drove
- b) had driven
- c) was driving

2. The bird ... when the cat attacked it.

- a) sang
- b) was singing
- c) had sung

3. The boys ... when the teacher told them to stop.

- a) swam
- b) were swimming
- c) had swum

4. I ... a movie when you called.

- a) watched
- b) was watching
- c) had watched

5. Sharon and Susan ... their homework when the professor arrived.

a) were doing

b) did

c) had done

6. While you ..., I was working.

a) complained

b) were complaining

c) had complained

7. They ... to music while they were studying.

a) listened

b) were listening

c) had listened

8. She ... her car when it started to rain.

a) washed

b) was washing

c) had washed

9. Jim ... the plants while I was cutting the grass.

a) watered

b) was watering

c) had watered

10. I ... attention while the man was speaking.

a) paid

b) was paying

c) had paid

### **Past Simple and Past Continuous**

#### **I. Choose the correct variant:**

1. I ... when she called me.

a) worked

- b) was working
  - c) had worked
2. She was cooking when we ...
- a) arrived
  - b) were arriving
  - c) had arrived
3. Gregory ... when it started to rain.
- a) swam
  - b) was swimming
  - c) had been swimming
4. The children ... outside when it started to snow.
- a) played
  - b) were playing
  - c) had been playing
5. Heather was listening to music when the power ... out.
- a) went
  - b) was going
  - c) has gone
6. The dogs ... born in 2004.
- a) were
  - b) were being
  - c) had been
7. My laptop ... when the battery ran out.
- a) stopped
  - b) was stopped
  - c) had stopped
8. She ... after the music started.
- a) sang

b) was singing

c) had sung

9. Dina and Lisa ... while the movie was playing.

a) talked

b) were talking

c) had talked

10. The telephone was ringing when she ... to speak.

a) began

b) was beginning

c) had begun

### **Past Perfect**

#### **I. Which variant is right?**

1. I lost the key that he ... to me.

a) gave

b) had given

c) was giving

2. She told me that she ... a ghost.

a) saw

b) had seen

c) was seeing

3. I went downstairs because I ... a noise.

a) heard

b) had heard

c) had been heard

4. When they came home, Sue ... dinner already.

a) cooked

b) was cooking

c) had cooked

5. We could not send you a postcard because we ... our address book.

- a) had forgotten
- b) had been forgotten
- c) forgot

6. The waiter served something that we ...

- a) did not order
- b) had not ordered
- c) had not been ordered

7. He went to Alaska where he ... before.

- a) was not
- b) did not be
- c) had not been

8. She put on the red dress, which she ... for ages.

- a) did not wear
- b) was not wearing
- c) had nor worn

9. He ... tennis before that day.

- a) did not play
- b) had not played
- c) had not been playing

10. His mother was angry because he ... her with the shopping.

- a) did not help
- b) was not helping
- c) had not helped

**II. Choose the correct variant.**

1. We ... finished eating dinner.

- a) had not
- b) not had

c) 'd had not

2. Had they ... to her before?

a) spoke

b) spoken

c) spoked

3. You ... not left yet.

a) would

b) 'd

c) would had

4. I had never ... her before.

a) see

b) saw

c) seen

5. We arrived at 8:05, but the train ... already left.

a) has

b) have

c) had

6. Sarah thought she ... to that zoo before.

a) has been

b) had be

c) had been

7. Nobody explained why the project had ... on time.

a) not been completed

b) not completed

c) not complete

8. He ... us the item had been shipped.

a) told

b) say



c) asked

9. Dad explained ... his job due to stress.

a) why he quitted

b) that he had quit

c) that he'd quite

10. Where ... the security guard gone?

a) had

b) have

c) did

### **III. Which variant is right?**

1. I wanted to pay for dinner, but I ... my wallet.

a) forgot

b) had forgotten

c) was forgetting

2. She ... eaten curry before she visited India.

a) had no

b) had not

c) had been

3. ... you visited Toronto before this trip?

a) Did

b) Had

c) Have

4. Melissa had already seen that movie before we ... to the theatre.

a) went

b) had gone

c) gone

5. ... them before you received the job offer?

a) Had you meet

b) Had you met

c) did you meet

6. I hadn't read that book before we ...it in class.

a) studied

b) had studied

c) had been studied

7. We ... already finished the project.

a) had

b) did

c) were

8. Where ... you visited before this trip?

a) did

b) had

c) were

9. I ... her before we met last night.

a) did met

b) had met

c) had been met

10. Was that the first time you ... that dish?

a) had try

b) had tried

c) did try

**IV. Choose the correct variant:**

1. I ... to Europe before my vacation to Spain.

a) went

b) had gone

c) had been

2. They ... 3 English courses before they took our class.

a) took

b) had taken

c) were taking

3. She ... Korean food before she went to Korea.

a) had eaten

b) was eating

c) had been eating

4. We ... for 2 days before we took the exam.

a) studied

b) were studying

c) had studied

5. Susan ... about the exam before you told her.

a) knew

b) did know

c) had known

6. The baby ... a nap before you arrived.

a) had taken

b) had been taken

c) took

7. Tom and Rick ... each other before yesterday.

a) met

b) had met

had been met

8. The girls ... their homework before you asked them.

a) have done

b) did

c) had done

9. My mother ... a cake already.

- a) made
- b) had made
- c) was making

10. She ... that song many times before.

- a) sang
- b) sung
- c) had sung

### **Past Perfect Continuous (Progressive)**

#### **I. Choose the correct variant:**

1. By age 10 Ben ... unusual wooden toys.

- a) has been drawing and creating
- b) had been drawing and creating
- c) drew and created

2. When I ... home, it ....

- a) left; rained
- a) had been leaving; was raining
- c) left; was raining

3. Before Magda ... her paintings, she ... for 15 years.

- a) had exhibited; had been working
- b) exhibited; has been working
- c) exhibited; had been working

4. Mr. Smith ... very tired in the evening because he ... his wife all day.

- a) had been; was helping
- b) had been; helped
- c) was; had been helping

5. Marc Chagall ... in Paris for 30 years when his paintings ... in Louvre.

- a) had been living; were exhibited
- b) was living; exhibited

- c) has been living; were exhibited
6. I ... for her for about 3 hours when at last I ... her near the monument.
- a) was waiting; saw
- b) had been waiting; saw
- c) had been waited; had seen
7. They ... for over a month when they ... in the park.
- a) didn't chat; met
- b) hadn't been chatting; met
- c) hadn't been chatted; had met
8. She ... him for 16 years before they ... married.
- a) knew; got
- b) had known; had been getting
- c) had been knowing; got
9. We ... our house when ... school.
- a) had already built; finished
- b) had already been building; had been finishing
- c) have already been building; finished
10. They ... in the afternoon as they ... the fire all night.
- a) were sleeping; were extinguishing
- b) were sleeping; had been extinguishing
- c) has slept; had been extinguishing

## **II. Which variant is right?**

1. My dad ... smoking in the garage.
- a) has
- b) had
- c) had been
2. The printer ... working well.
- a) had not been

b) hadn't

c) had not

3. Had the players ... playing by the rules?

a) been

b) have

c) be

4. She ...expecting the worst.

a) had

b) 'd been

c) had being

5. Had the teachers ... before the strike?

a) been work

b) working

c) been working

6. Our pool pump ... running properly before the storm.

a) had not have

b) hadn't been

c) hadn't being

7. My sister's roommate was upset. She ... been waiting for an hour.

a) had

b) has

c) have

8. I just heard about the accident. ... been working all night?

a) Had the driver

b) Had the driving

c) Have the driver

9. We were shocked to see her. ... been expecting her.

a) We are

b) We have

c) We'd not

10. I finally reached my mom. ... her all day.

a) I'd been calling

b) I have called

c) I called

### **Past Continuous and Past Perfect Continuous**

#### **I. Choose the correct variant:**

1. When Bob arrived at the station, his friends ... already ... for him for half an hour.

a) were...waiting

b) had...been waiting

c) were...been waiting

2. When Bob arrived at the station, his friends ... for him.

a) were waiting

b) had been waiting

c) were been waiting

3. What ... you ... at 5 p.m. yesterday?

a) were...doing

b) been...doing

c) had ...been doing

4. How long ... you ... in Moscow before you moved to St. Petersburg?

a) were...living

b) had...been living

c) had...lived

5. Nobody ... while he ... his presentation.

a) was talking...was showing

b) talked...showed

c) was talking...showed

6. By the time he found his girlfriend, he ... for her in the mall for an hour

a) had looking

b) had been looking

c) was looking

7. When I phoned him yesterday, he ... a shower and didn't hear my call.

a) was taking

b) have been taking

c) has been taking

8. They... computer games for a long time before their mother came and turned off the computer.

a) had been not playing

b) not had been playing

c) had not been playing

9. At ten o'clock yesterday the children ... and couldn't break your bike.

a) slept

b) were sleeping

c) had been sleeping

10. He was very nervous at that moment, but nobody ... at him.

a) wasn't looking

b) was looking

c) looked