

Exercise (01)/ Complete sentences with verbs from the box. Use a past progressive or a simple past.

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1. I got really tired last week. There was a big conference, and I.....for eight or ten hours a day most days.
2. I've just finished 'Death in the Sand'. That.....a really good book.
3. At the time of the election, people.....daily against the government's policies.
4. In Shakespeare's time, only a few children.....to school.
5. Jo and Carl had some Japanese friends staying at the weekend, and they invited me because I.....Japanese.
6. Things were difficult at home at that time. Her brother was in trouble with the police, and her father.....very heavily.
7. When I was at school they.....us Latin lessons five times a week. They never explained why.
8. What was the name of that man we were talking to who.....in a garage ?
9. Have you heard anything from your cousin who came to see us ? The one whothe guitar professionally ?

Exercise (02)/ Complete the sentences with verbs from the box. Choose either a simple past or a past progressive.

1. The Prime Minister.....me only the other day what I (think).....of his economic policies.
2. My grandmother.....about the neighbours-they couldn't do a thing right.
3. We.....if you could give us some advice.
4. I.....you might have some free time at the weekend.
5. In my last job, we.....meetings first thing on Friday mornings.
6. My maths teacher.....my name. It used to drive me crazy.
7. I.....perhaps you and I ought to have a serious talk.
8. John.....that he thinks Anna's in love again.
9. When my sister was at home she.....us little presents.

10.I.....at the Royal Opera House the other evening, and there was this gorgeous woman in the front row.

Exercise (03)/ Put in the appropriate tense.

1. I (to live) in France for eight years.
2. Sue (to live) in France when her uncle died.
3. At 6.15, when you phoned, I (to have) a shower.
4. We (to watch) TV all evening.
5. Bill (to watch) TV when Ann (to come) in.
6. My father (to work)hard all his life.
7. They (to get) married while they (to study) at London University.
8. Yesterday we (to drive) from Oxford to Edinburgh and back.
9. It was a nice evening, so she (to walk) home from work.