past simple, past continuous and past perfect

1. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the past simple or past continuous.
   a. I was going (go) to work when my car broke down (break down).
   b. I fall down (fall down) when I clean (clean) the windows.
   c. I study (study) for five hours and then I go (go) to sit the exam.
   d. Yesterday I go (go) to the cinema and later I meet (meet) my friends.
   e. While I study (study) my brother listen (listen) to the radio.
   f. I not go (not go) to the school because I have (have) a terrible headache.

2. Tick the correct option. Past simple or past perfect.
   a. He walked into the bus station only to find that the bus left / had left.
   b. My brother told me that Bill died / had died.
   c. Where is he? My sister asked / had asked.
   d. Lucas was very happy. He got / had got what he was looking for.
   e. I was going to leave when I remembered / had remembered I didn’t have the key.
   f. When I went to the stadium I realized / had realized that the match had been postponed.
   g. My sister moved to the house where she lived / had lived when she was a little girl.
   h. When I was having a shower I heard / had heard the phone ringing.

3. Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the past simple or the past continuous.
   a. Mark heard (hear) a cry for help while he was swimming (swim) in the sea.
   b. Mary close (close) the window because it rain (rain).
   c. I read (read) a magazine when the doorbell ring (ring).
   d. Pete play (play) in the football final when he score (score) a brilliant goal.
   e. The last time I speak (speak) to Mark he study (study) law in Manchester.
   f. I phone (phone) my mother because I be (be) worried about her health.

4. Complete the text. Use the correct form of the past simple, past continuous, past perfect simple or past perfect continuous.

   Jack Williams was sixteen years old in 1940. He lived (live) with his family in a small house in Liverpool. Tom have (have) a job in a factory. He work (work) there since he was fourteen. One day Tom walk (walk) along the road to the factory when he meet (meet) Katy. Katy was younger than Tom and stay (stay) with her aunt since her mother died. Tom be (be) surprised to see her so early in the morning. ‘Where are you going?’ he asked. ‘To the Smith’s house,’ she replied. ‘They offer (offer) me a job in the kitchens.’
5. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the **past simple** or **past continuous**.

a. We were sitting (sit) in the café when I suddenly felt (feel) ill.

b. The last time I talked (talk) to Ian, he planned (plan) his next holiday.

c. Jane arrived (arrive) while I was doing (do) my homework.

d. As they walked (walk) along the road, it began to rain.

e. The phone started (start) ringing while I was washing (wash) my hair.

f. The boys played (play) football when a dog ran (run) onto the pitch.

6. Complete the text with the correct form of the **past simple** or **past continuous**.

One day I was walking (walk) home from school when I noticed (notice) three young men in front of me. They just got (get) out of a car and they carried (carry) a blue bag. I thought (think) it looked very heavy. They went (go) to the jeweller’s shop on the corner, then suddenly one of the men threw (throw) the blue bag through the shop window. The other man ran (run) inside and took some watches and jewellery.