

PAST TENSES

Context listening

1 You are going to hear Jack talking to his grandmother. Before you listen, look at questions 1-8 and guess who did what. Write J (for Jack) or G (for Gran) or M (for Jack's mother). Did Jack, his Gran or his Mum:



- 1 go to London? J
- 2 go to the cinema?
- 3 see a famous footballer?
- 4 collect autographs?
- 5 go up to town alone?
- 6 scream at pop concerts?
- 7 worry about homework?
- 8 go to a club?

2 Listen and check if you were right.

3 Look at your answers to Exercise 1 and answer these questions.

- 1 Which things did Jack do last Saturday?
- 2 What tense does he use?
- 3 Which things did Gran do when she was young?
- 4 Did she do them regularly?

4 Listen again and complete these sentences.

- 1 We did some revision for our exams while we
- 2 When we for the cinema, we saw a really famous footballer.
- 3 He a burger and all the crowds past but nobody noticed him except me.
- 5 Which tense is in the gaps in Exercise 4?

4. Fill in the gaps with the past simple or past continuous of the verbs in brackets.

Exercises:

- 1 My parents (get) (study) at university when they were studying.
- 2 Doctor Fisher (travel) widely as a young man and (always keep) a diary.
- 3 I (see) my brother and his girlfriend when I (wait) for the bus, but they (not see) me.
- 4 Lily (fill) in the application form and (give) it to the receptionist.
- 5 While I (work) in Rome, I (meet) a girl who (look) just like your sister.
- 6 Simon (finish) with his girlfriend because she (always cancel) dates at the last moment.
- 7 Anna's feeling depressed because she (hope) for a pay rise last week, but she (not get) one.

2. Underline the correct form of the verbs.

MAKING CHANGES

Ada Atkins, 93, explains why she has come to live in town

Years ago, nobody in my village would lock / was locking (1) their front doors. We used to feel / would feel (2) safe in those days. Last month, I met / was meeting (3) my neighbour in the street when I was walking / would walk (4) home from the shops and she told / was telling (5) me some bad news. Thieves were breaking / used to break (6) into people's houses while they were sitting / would sit (7) in their back gardens. I realised / was realising (8) that I wasn't wanting / didn't want (9) to live there any more. So last week I was moving / moved (10)

to this little flat. I am not used / didn't use (11) to being in the town yet, but people are more friendly than I was thinking / thought (12) they might be, and I feel much happier and safer.

