

PRACTICE REVISION OF PAST TENSES

A. COMPLETE WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERBS: PAST SIMPLE OR PAST CONTINUOUS.

- "What **WERE YOU DOING** when I phoned you?" "I **WAS SLEEPING**"
- "**DID you ENJOY** your last holiday?" "Yes, thank you. We **HAD** a great time"
- She **SAID** (say) goodbye, and then she **LEFT** (leave) the house immediately.
- It was really cold at midnight. It **WAS** (be) dark and it **WAS SNOWING** (snow)
- When she **ARRIVED** (arrive), I **WAS COOKING** (cook) dinner.
- Why **DID you LEAVE** (leave) the party so early?
- Alex **DIDN'T CALL** (not call) Eva last night.
- When I arrived at the party, my boyfriend **WAS DANCING** (dance) with another girl.
- I **WAS CHATTING** (chat) to Maria online when you called me.
- Samir and Lucy **MET** (meet) at a disco
- Her parents **DIDN'T LIKE** (not like) her new friend.

B. COMPLETE: PAST SIMPLE AND PAST PERFECT

- Sam and Matt **HAD KNOWN** (know) each other for years before they **SHARED** a flat (share)
- After a few months, the children **DIDN'T FEEL** (not feel) lonely any more because they **HAD MADE** new friends (make)
- Someone **STOLE** (steal) my computer and my DVD player because I **HAD FORGOTTEN**(forget) to close the window
- As soon as she **HAD PAINTED** (paint) the whole flat yellow, she **DECIDED** (decide) that she wanted it green!
- After he **HAD BOUGHT** (buy) a house in New York, he **GOT** (get)a new job in London
- When she **HAD DECORATED**(decorate) her house, she **INVITED** (invite) her friends to her house-warming party

H. COMPLETE: PAST SIMPLE, PAST CONTINUOUS AND PAST PERFECT

- While I **WAS MAKING** (make) a cup of tea I **HEARD** (hear) a noise.
- "What exactly **WERE you DOING** (do) when you **DISCOVERED** (discover) the body?" "I **WAS CALLING**(call) the police at once"
- By the time I **REACHED** (reach) the supermarket, it **HAD CLOSED** (close), so I **WENT** (go) home.
- When **DID you NOTICE** (notice) that someone **HAD TAKEN** (take) the revolver from the desk?
- As soon as I **SAW** (see) him this morning, I **KNEW**_ (know) that he was the one who **HAD KILLED** (kill) the butler.
- When the phone **RANG** (ring), I **WAS TAKING** (take) a shower, so I **DIDN'T ANSWER** (not answer) it.
- I **WASN'T** (not be) to that part of the city before, so I **DIDN'T FIND** (not find) the street I wanted until I **HAD ASKED** (ask) a policeman.

I. COMPLETE: PAST TENSES

- Last night I **CHATTED** (chat) to my best friend for hours

- When she **FINISHED** (finish) cooking, she **WAS OPENING** (open) a bottle of wine.
- He **WAS STUDYING** (study) all night and he **WAS** (be) exhausted the next day.
- I **WAS RUNNING** (run) to catch the bus when I **FELL** (fall) over
- My boyfriend **LIKED** (like) the dress I **HAD BOUGHT** (buy) for the party.
- How far **WERE** you **DRIVING** (drive) before you realized you **HAD FORGOTTEN** (forget) your passport?