

SIMPLE PAST TENSE/PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE WORKSHEET

6th grade

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I. Fill in the blanks with the simple past tense form of the verbs:

- 1 For lunch, my sister (eat) ate pizza, but I (have) had hotdog.
- 2 My sister (drink) _____ tea while he (do) _____ her homework.
- 3 He (walk) _____ into the room, then he (sit) _____ down.
- 4 While I (study) _____ , Ana (play) _____ in the living room.
- 5 When the class (finish) _____ , the teacher (walk) _____ home.
- 6 We (sing) _____ a song when John (come) _____ in.
- 7 Nothing happened when I (turn on) _____ the TV.
- 8 It (start) _____ to rain while I (walk) _____ to the park.
- 9 I (listen) _____ to the radio when the phone (ring) _____ .
- 10 The children (go) _____ the cinema last night.
- 11 Msr. Brown (find) _____ some money when she (clean) _____ the cupboards.

II. Write statements, negative sentences or questions with *used to*.

- 1 you/have/blond hair (question) Did you use to have blond hair?
- 2 people/use/the computer (negative) _____
- 3 he/go/running (statement) _____
- 4 they/like/painting (question) _____
- 5 your brother/come/by bus (statement) _____
- 6 we/drink/cola (negative) _____
- 7 my mother/speak/Italian (negative) _____
- 8 he/live/in New York (statement) _____
- 9 Jill/play/volleyball (question) _____
- 10 houses/have/bathrooms indoors (negative) _____
- 11 all children/go/to school (question) _____

III. Read the paragraph. Choose the best tense for each space.

My uncle (1) **C** to the same school as me. He (2) _____ to our school last week to talk to the class about what it (3) _____ like in the old days. He (4) _____ he (5) _____ the names of all his teachers. One of them still teaches at the school. He (6) _____ art and music, but now he only teaches music. As he (7) _____ , he (8) _____ us pictures of his school friends. He (9) _____ us that the boys(10) _____ only football, but now we play volleyball as well. He thinks things (11) _____ better in the old days.

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| 1 | A goes | B was going | C used to go |
| 2 | A comes | B came | C was coming |
| 3 | A was being | B is | C was |
| 4 | A said | B says | C was saying |
| 5 | A remembered | B remembers | C was remembering |
| 6 | A is teaching | B used to teach | C teaches |
| 7 | A talks | B is talking | C was talking |
| 8 | A is showing | B showed | C was showing |
| 9 | A told | B is telling | C tells |
| 10 | A play | B were playing | C used to play |
| 11 | A are | B were | C used to |

ANSWER KEY

I.

2. Was drinking, was doing
3. Walked, sat
4. Was studying, was playing
5. Finished, walked
6. Were singing , came
7. Turned on
8. Started, was walking
9. Was listening, rang
10. Went
11. Found, was cleaning

II.

2. People didn't use the computer
3. He used to go running
4. Did they use to like painting?
5. Your brother used to come by bus.
6. We didn't use to drink Cola.
7. My mother didn't use to speak Italian.
8. He used to live in New York.
9. Did Jill use to play football?
10. Houses didn't use to have bathrooms indoors.
11. Did all children use to go to school?

III.

1. C
2. B
3. C
4. A
5. A
6. B
7. C
8. B
9. A
10. C
11. C