

PAST TENSES

[Exercise 2]

Choose **Past Simple**, **Past Continuous**, **Past Perfect**,
or **Past Perfect Continuous** to fill in the gaps.

1. When mother got home, the boys _____ computer games for three hours already.
 - a) played
 - b) were playing
 - c) had played
 - d) had been playing
2. At six o'clock yesterday, Lauren _____ a shower.
 - a) had
 - b) was having
 - c) had had
 - d) had been having
3. Lily _____ for her exam while her brother was watching a movie.
 - a) prepared
 - b) was preparing
 - c) had prepared
 - d) had been preparing
4. By the time Nick arrived, Rafael _____ .
 - a) left
 - b) was leaving
 - c) had left
 - d) had been leaving

5. Mike _____ for about twenty years before he quit.
- a) smoked
 - b) was smoking
 - c) had smoked
 - d) had been smoking
6. I _____ you last night but you didn't answer the phone.
- a) called
 - b) was calling
 - c) had called
 - d) had been calling
7. Mary was waiting for a bus when the robber _____ her.
- a) attacked
 - b) was attacking
 - c) had attacked
 - d) had been attacking
8. We were tired because we _____ without stopping for ten hours.
- a) worked
 - b) were working
 - c) had worked
 - d) had been working
9. Susan _____ her report by the time I came home.
- a) finished
 - b) was finishing
 - c) had finished
 - d) had been finishing
10. While I _____ , my friends were discussing what to do next.
- a) slept
 - b) was sleeping
 - c) had slept
 - d) had been sleeping

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2. was having.
3. was preparing.
4. had left.
5. had been smoking.
6. called.
7. attacked.
8. had been working.
9. had finished.
10. was sleeping.