

## **GRAMMAR REVISION: PAST TENSES**

**TASK: Read the pairs of sentences below and decide which one is correct and why.**

1. A. I didn't sleep well at all last night  
B. I wasn't sleeping well at all last night
2. A. When I went into the living room, my father was watching TV.  
B. When I went into the living room, my father watched TV.
3. A. Were you going swimming every day after school last month?  
B. Did you go swimming every day after school last month?
4. A. While I was crossed the road, I saw an accident.  
B. While I was crossing the road, I saw an accident.
5. A. I didn't mean to upset her; I'm sorry about it  
B. I wasn't meaning to upset her; I'm sorry about it
6. A. When I looked out of the window, the sky was blue and the sun shone.  
B. When I looked out of the window, the sky was blue and the sun was shining.
7. A. I didn't know that he had left  
B. I didn't know that he left
8. A. We were phoning him immediately  
B. We phoned him immediately
9. A. They didn't use to eat late.  
B. They didn't used to eat late
10. A. He was studying English for 2 years when he first went to Britain.  
B. He had been studying English for 2 years when he first went to Britain
11. A. After they had done the shopping, they had started to prepare the meal.  
B. After they had done the shopping, they started to prepare the meal.

12. A. His clothes were wet because he had been walking in the rain.

B. His clothes were wet because he walked in the rain.

13. A. Until he arrived, they were ready

B. By the time he arrived, they were ready

14. A. The family had finished eating before we arrived

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