



EXERCISES: 3 PAST TENSES: Your name _____

Check sentences that use the correct tense. On this sheet, correct those that are incorrect.

- ___ Vinita passed all her courses this summer.
- ___ 1. I was working too hard when I became ill.
- ___ 2. They hadn't visited their mother before they left for Canada.
- ___ 3. Yu Xi has eaten some bad fruit last week.
- ___ 4. Last week, my brother was arriving at Pearson Airport.
- ___ 5. Asif is takes Mechanical Technology last semester.
- ___ 6. It was 9 am, and I was being hungry.
- ___ 7. She was not believing that he told the truth.
- ___ 8. I discovered lots of interesting things since January.
- ___ 9. He was feeling that he loved her.
- ___ 10. Had you ever saw this teacher before?

All these sentences use the correct tense. Write SP (simple past), PP (past progressive) or PPerf (past perfect) at the start of each sentence. Circle the time words and phrases

- ___ sample: Hardik was working at Future Shop until Wednesday.
- ___ 1. At that time, Maricel was living in Hong Kong.
- ___ 2. In the past, women didn't have many rights or freedoms.
- ___ 3. We hadn't enjoyed such a good meal for years.
- ___ 4. Mrs. Li always missed her husband when he went away.
- ___ 5. As a child, she often used to go to Costa Rica.

Use the Simple Past Tense with non-action verbs. These verbs express thoughts, feelings, senses, possession, and appearance. Check correct sentences, and correct any errors in tense on this sheet.

- ___ sample: Yang was having many friends last year.



- ___1. Said really wanted to stay in Canada.
- ___2. My high school had bored me until I met my boyfriend.
- ___3. I didn't like my mathematics teacher and decided to quit.
- ___4. David came from England, so he wasn't always being Canadian.
- ___5. You hadn't made many friends until you were meeting me.

Use the verb supplied in the correct past tense.

1. All of us _____ each other before the party. (know)
2. Jung Huk _____ a terrible headache yesterday. (have)
3. In Macau, there _____ any Tim Horton's cafes. (be, not)
4. Did you _____ your pen like that at high school? (spin)
5. I _____ the bus till this week. (miss, not)
6. Raciel _____ to play piano until he _____ his hand.
(like/ break)
7. Mohamed _____ he would love and honor her always. (promise)
8. Zhengi _____ golf when he _____ his shoulder. (play, hurt)
9. She _____ until she _____ four years old. (speak not, be)
10. Last year, I _____ sports. Did you _____ games? (enjoy, play)