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 taking 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.

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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)