

Past tense worksheet

Past tenses are used to talk about actions or situations completed in the past. Complete the following sentences using an appropriate past tense form.

1. She school at fourteen.

- left
- was leaving
- has left
- had left

2. I his letter a week ago.

- was receiving
- have received
- received
- had received

3. When I saw him, he chess.

- was playing
- played
- has been playing
- is playing

4. The guests before he reached

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home.

- went
- had gone
- have gone

5. The train had left before I the station.

- have reached
- reached
- was reaching
- had reached

6. I in the garage when John turned up.

- worked
- have been working
- was working

7. When I opened the door, the cat out.

- jumped
- was jumping

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has jumped

8. I when the lights went out.

read

was reading

have been reading

9. His father last year.

died

was dying

has died

10. Babar Rana Sanga in the battle.

defeated

was defeating

has defeated

Answers

1. She left school at fourteen.

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2. I received his letter a week ago.
3. When I saw him, he was playing chess.
4. The guests had gone before he reached home.
5. The train had left before I reached the station.
6. I was working in the garage when John turned up.
7. When I opened the door, the cat jumped out.
8. I was reading when the lights went out.
9. His father died last year.
10. Babar defeated Rana Sanga in the battle.