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GRAMMAR WORKSHEET (STORY ORDER) PAST TENSE

■ Complete the paragraph below by filling in the missing words – be sure to change the verbs to Past Tense!

forget	buy	is	drive
go	say	find	put
look for	isn't	turn on	look at

Something terrible happened to me last week. On Monday, I (1) bought a			
lottery ticket at a shopping mall near my home. I (2) the ticket in			
the pocket of my jacket, and (3) home. After I got home, I went to			
bed and (4) about the ticket. On Tuesday morning, I got into my			
car and (5) to work. On the way to work, I (6) the			
radio and a man on the radio said my lottery ticket number. After he			
(7) my number, I put my hand into my jacket pocket. Oh no! The			
ticket (8) in my pocket, so I drove back home and			
(9) the ticket. I (10) the ticket. It was on a table.			
Finally, I (11) the ticket very carefully. Oh no! I couldn't believe			
my eyes because it (12) the wrong number! Next time I will be			
more careful, and maybe next time I won't buy a lottery ticket.			
(155 words)			

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Choose the past simple or past continuous:

1.	What	(you / do) when I
		(call) you last night?
2.	I	(sit) in a café when you
		(call).
3.		(arrive) at the party, who
		(be) there?
4.		(watch) a film when she
		(hear) the noise.
5.	Yesterday I	(go) to the library, next I
		(have) a swim, later I
		(meet) Julie for a coffee.
6.	We	(play) tennis when John
		(hurt) his ankle.
7.	What	(they / do) at 10pm last night? It
		(be) really noisy.
8.	Не	(take) a shower when the telephone
		(ring).
9.		(be) in the shower when the telephone
		(ring).
10.	When I	(walk) into the room, everyone
		(work).

11. It	(be) a day last September. The sun
	(shine), the birds
(sing). I	(walk) along the street when I
	(meet) an old friend.
12. He	(live) in Russia when the Revolution
	(start).
	(get) to the station, we
	(wait) on the platform.
14. He	(be) so annoying! He
	(always / leave) his things everywhere.
15. On holiday we	(visit) Rome,
	(see) the Vatican, and
	(spend) a few days at the beach.
16. Why	(you / stand) on a chair when I
	(come) into the room?
	(live) in Germany when they
	(be) young.
18. At 7pm yesterday, we	(listen) to music.
19. When I	(leave) the house, it
	(snow).
	(work) in a bank when he
	(meet) his wife.

	simple past	past continuous
	+	I was working
I worked = regu	ular	You were working
(for irregulars: look list !!!)		He/she/it was working
		We/you/they were working
	-	I wasn't working
I didn't work		You weren't working
	didn't + infinitive	He/she/it wasn't working
		We/you/they weren't working
	?	Was I working?
Did you work?		Were you working?
	did + subject + infinitive	Was he/she/it working?
		Were we/you/they working?
Use? action is over	DID YOU STUDY NO. I DIDN'T STUDY ENGLISH!	Use? in the middle of an action

past perfect simple	past perfect continuous
I had worked +	I had been working
you had worked	you had been working
he/she/it had worked	he/she/it had been working
We had worked	we had been working
you had worked	you had been working
they had worked	they had been working
mind: irregulars !!!	
I hadn't worked -	I hadn't been working
You hadn't worked	You hadn't been working
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Had I worked?	Had I been working?
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All the forms are the same !!!	
Use?	Use?
what happened before	what had been happening before