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PAST TENSES

1. Choose the correct verb.

- a) Limp Bizkit's story *started* / *had started* in Jacksonville, Florida in 1994.
- b) Fred and Sam *were* / *were being* friends.
- c) One day, Fred *walked* / *was walking* down the street with a friend.
- d) His friend *said* / *was saying* "My brain feels like a limp biscuit."
- e) Fred *thought* / *was thinking* that was a good name for the band.
- f) Limp Bizkit's albums *sold* / *had sold* millions of copies.

2. Choose the correct verb tense for each blank.

- 1. Yesterday I _____ ten e-mails.
 - a. was writing
 - b. wrote
 - c. have written
- 2. While I _____ to the airport, I had a fantastic idea.
 - a. drove
 - b. didn't drive
 - c. was driving
- 3. The thief _____ by the time the police arrived.
 - a. had escaped
 - b. has escaped
 - c. escaped
- 4. The dog doesn't need a walk, I _____ just _____ him out.
 - a. had taken
 - b. was taking
 - c. have taken
- 5. _____ you already _____ when the fight started?
 - a. did...leave
 - b. had...left
 - c. have...left
- 6. I _____ to her last night because I was already in bed.
 - a. wasn't talking
 - b. hadn't talked
 - c. didn't talk
- 7. Jane and Cathy _____ when Jim interrupted.
 - a. chatted
 - b. was chatting
 - c. were chatting
- 8. She _____ in New York since she got married.
 - a. has lived
 - b. was living
 - c. lived



3. Match the two halves of the sentences.

1. Paul broke a leg	a. she weighed about 90 kilos.
2. I have lived in this house	b. when we arrived.
3. Paul had already prepared lunch	c. since I was born.
4. I was having a beautiful dream	d. when he was skating.
5. When they opened the door	e. they saw that the sun was shining.
6. Last time I saw her	f. when the alarm clock rang.

4. Add a sentence in the past perfect using the notes. Follow the example.

Ann looked very suntanned when I saw her last week.

She had just been on holiday. (just / be on holiday)

- a. Luckily the flat didn't look too bad when my parents called in.

(just / clean it)

- b. John invited me to lunch yesterday but I refused the invitation.

(already / eat/ my sandwiches)

- c. I couldn't do any shopping yesterday.

(shops / already/ closed)

- d. I was really pleased to see Rachael again.

(not see / her/ for ages)

answer key

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- a. started
- b. were
- c. was Walking
- d. said
- e. thought
- f. sold

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- 1. b
- 2. c
- 3. a
- 4. c
- 5. b
- 6. c
- 7. c
- 8. a

3

- 1. d
- 2. c
- 3. b
- 4. f
- 5. e
- 6. a

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- a. I had just cleaned it.
- b. I had already eaten my sandwiches.
- c. The shops had already closed.
- d. I hadn't seen her for ages.