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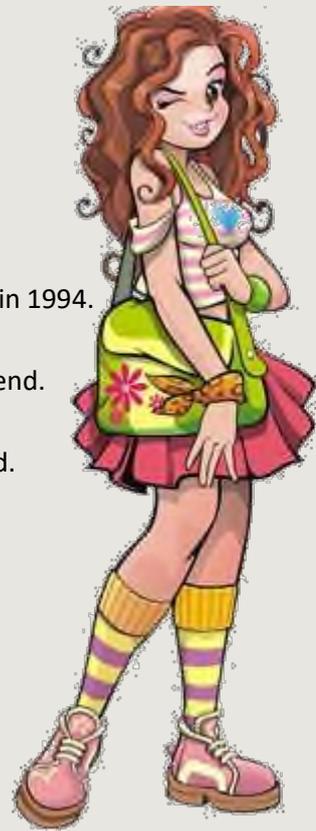
## PAST TENSES

### 1. Choose the correct verb.

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

### 2. Choose the correct verb tense for each blank.

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