18. Put the verb into the most suitable form, Past Continuous, Past Perfect or Past Perfect Continuous.

1. It was very noisy next door. Our neighbours (1) … (have) a party. 2. We were good friends. (2)… (we /know) each other for years. 3. John and I went for a walk. I had difficulty keeping up with him because (3) … (he /walk) so fast. 4. Sue was sitting on the ground. She was out of breath. (4) … (she / run). 5. When I arrived everybody was sitting round the table with their mouths full (5) … (they / eat). 6. When I arrived, everybody was sitting round the table and talk‑ ing. Their mouths were empty, but their stomachs were full. (6) … (they / eat). 7. James was on his hands and knees on the floor. (7) … (he / look) for his contact lens. 8. When I arrived, Kate (8) … (wait) for me. She was annoyed because I was late and (9) … (she /wait) for a long time. 9. I was sad when I sold my car. (10) … (I/have) it for a very long time. 10. We were extremely tired at the end of the journey. (11) … (we / travel) for more than 24 hours.

19. Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in parentheses in Past Perfect.

1. She (1) … (watch) the fish in the aquarium before w the giant turtle appeared. 2. Before I bought my new boat, I (2) … (go) to the boat show every day to see the newest models. 3. You (3) … (talk) to Whitney before the show began. 4. We (4) … (think) about buying an electric car even before the price of gas went up. 5. They (5) … (race) cars at that track for twenty years before it closed. 6. He (6) … (drive) too fast all afternoon before the accident happened. 7. After she died, it was discovered that she (7) … (make) secret donations to the shelter for years. 8. We (8) … (grow) grapes for twelve years before we decided to open a winery.

20. Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in parentheses in Past Perfect Continuous.

1. Tony’s knee (1) … (ache) until the coach bandaged it. 2. Sean and Melinda (2) … (not /keep) good financial records be‑ fore they got an accountant to help them. 3. The owner of the cookie shop (3) … (plan) to add two more ovens before the building burned. 4. My family and I (4) … (live) in the Florida Keys before we de‑ cided to move to the northern part of the state. 5. The peaches (5) … (not /hang) on the trees for long before the birds ate them. 6. The lake (6) … (supply) water for the town since 1902. Now it was too polluted. 7. Crystal (7) … (paint) the walls before she ran out of paint. 8. The colony’s independent farmers (8) … (feel) resentful about English rule and taxation long before the Revolution. 9. Mrs. Esposito (9) … (not / cook) very much until Vincent ar‑ rived and asked for his favorite dishes. 10. Until Nigel joined a fraternity, he (10) … (call) his father every Saturday. 11. The forest (11) … (burn) for a week before the fire was put out. 12. The firefighters (12) … (not / sleep) at all until more help ar‑ rived.

21. Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in parentheses in Past Perfect Continuous.

1. The villagers (1) … (normally / carry) water for miles before the new well was dug. 2. The gymnastics team (2) … (still/practice) hard at nine o’clock p.m. 3. When Mrs. Stein awoke at six o’clock, her husband (3) … (al‑ ready /milk) the cows for an hour. 163 Past Perfect. Past Perfect Continuous 4. The cat (4) … (always / scratch) holes in the furniture before Jody bought him a scratching board. 5. Natalie (5) … (often/find) small shells on the beach, which she was using to make jewelry. 6. The children (6) … (seldom/ read) books before the nanny be‑ gan taking them to the library. 7. Trina (7) … (never / ski) before her family moved to the moun‑ tains. 8. John and Carrie (8) … (happily /prepare) a room for a baby boy before they discovered that they would have a girl. 9. Our mail carrier (9) … (faithfully /bring) our mail for over 30 years before he retired. 10. The dog next door (10) … (persistently /bark) each night that summer, keeping us awake. 11. Before the horse broke his leg, he (11) … (usually / race) two races each month.

22. Put the verbs in the correct form.

Julie (1) … (walk) for hours when she suddenly noticed that the sun was sinking in the sky. She (2) … (lose) track of time because she (3) … (think) about the most important decision she’d ever had to make in her life. Things (4) … (not be) the same between Julie and her fiancé, David, since he accepted a job in Paris. They (5) … (know) each other for almost five years, and in that time, they had never argued much. Lately, though, their relationship (6) … (become) stormy. They seemed to be finding fault with each other and disagreeing about everything. For the first time, she was starting to wonder if she was ready for marriage. And with the wed‑ ding only twenty days away, she needed to make up her mind soon. Everything in Julie’s life (7) … (go) well until her world fell apart just a month before. A large company (8) … (offer) David an important position that would require him to move to France. As his wife, Julie would have to go, too. Why hadn’t he discussed his decision with her? Although Julie (9) … (always want) to live abroad she felt very con‑ 164 VERB TENSES. Часть 1 fused. Was she ready to move halfway across the world, leaving be‑ hind her friends and family and the only home she had ever known? If the answer was no, was she ready to say goodbye to the only man she (10) … (ever love)?

23. Fill each gap in this text with one suitable word.

About seventy years ago, a Dutch ship was (1) … near the North Pole; it (2) … heading for Blacklead Island. On the ship was a scientist, Edgar Greenhead, who (3) … worked on the island for many years; he had (4) … conducting research into the life of the local in‑ habitants, who were Eskimos (Inuits). Greenhead had (5) … away for a long holiday and now he was (6) … back to the island to continue his work. At about midnight, Greenhead felt very tired as he had (7) … writing his journal all day. After he had (8) … good-night to the captain, he (9) … down to his cabin. Outside there (10) … a strong wind, and the waves (11) … crashing onto the side of the ship. Green‑ head was just (12) … ready to climb into his bunk when he suddenly (13) … a great crash. He dashed up on deck and although it was dark he (14) … see that the ship (15) … run into an iceberg