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Past continuous tense

You are a member of the Drama Club at school. You are writing a play script about a police interrogation of a suspect. Complete the play script by writing the correct form of the verbs in the box.

Sergeant Ho: Mr Chan. What (1) were you doing (do) last night at around 11 p.m.?

Suspect: I was driving my car.

Sergeant Ho: I see. Where (2) were you going? (go) That's quite late to be out for a drive.

Suspect: I was going home. I was in the office until about 10 p.m.

Sergeant Ho: I suppose you were burning the midnight oil. If we talked to your boss, would he

or she be able to give evidence to support your claim?

Suspect: My boss (3) was not/wasn't working (not work) late. I was the only one at the

office.

Sergeant Ho: Okay. You left the office at ten. What (4) <u>was keeping</u> (keep) you busy from ten to

eleven?

Suspect: I (5) was smoking (smoke) in the narrow alley next to the office building. I smoke

a cigarette every day after work.

Sergeant Ho: Could anyone be your eyewitness?

Suspect: Yes! My colleague Joseph. We met at the alley and had a chat.

Sergeant Ho: Joseph was found dead in the alley! Mr Chan, let's be honest. In that hour, you two

(6) were arguing (argue) about financial matters because you lent him money to

gamble earlier. Did you talk to him about this?

Suspect: Yes, but we didn't argue. I (7) was listening (listen) to him patiently. We (8) were

not/weren't quarrelling (not quarrel) with each other.

Sergeant Ho: He told you that he lost all the money and asked you for more. As he gave you

more unreasonable excuses, you (9) were getting (get) angrier until you couldn't

keep your temper and stabbed him with a knife. Do you admit it?

Suspect: No! I (10) was not/wasn't feeling (not feel) angry at all. Also, why would I have

a knife with me?

Sergeant Ho: Why not? The police have found a bloodstained knife with your fingerprints all

over it in the alley. Did you use it as a weapon to kill Joseph?

Suspect: What? I (11) was using (use) a knife last night at my office to make a sandwich.

But I (12) was not/wasn't carrying (not carry) it with me when I left! There must

be some misunderstanding!

Sergeant Ho: We've also found a bite mark with your DNA on Joseph's neck. You (13) were

drinking (drink) his blood before someone found out about the murder.

Suspect: Impossible! Stop making up a story!

Sergeant Ho: The CCTV cameras hidden on the wall (14) were watching (watch) the whole thing!

Suspect: I'm not the murderer!

Sergeant Ho: No, you're not. But the other Mr Chan inside your body is. You have multiple

personalities! The other half of you is the murderer!

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Past continuous tense with while and when

You have written some notes for your diary about your day out. Complete your diary entry using the correct form of the verbs in brackets, 'while' or 'when' and your notes.

- (1) I (wake) up \rightarrow (2) the birds outside my window (whistle) a happy song for me
- (3) I (look) at the exhibitions \rightarrow (4) Mum (jot) down notes from the exhibition boards
- (5) we (appreciate) the exquisite artefacts
 - \rightarrow (6) tour guide (explain) the background of the artefacts to us enthusiastically
- (7) we (eat) dinner \rightarrow (8) Dad (share) a funny story with us about his childhood
- (9) my grandparents (listen) to the tour guide's explanation carefully
 - \rightarrow (10) mischievous young Dad (slip) out of the exhibition room
- (11) he (wander) around the museum \rightarrow (12) he accidentally (get) into a small and dusty chamber
- (13) he (observe) the bones curiously \rightarrow (14) he (hear) a strange and frightening sound

Dear Diary,

I had a great day today! (1) When I woke up, (2) the birds outside my window were whistling a happy song for me. I knew then that it would be a good day. At breakfast, Mum and Dad told me that they wanted to take me for a day out. How exciting!

We went to the History Museum. (3) When/While I was looking at the exhibitions, Dad was taking photos of the displays and (4) Mum was jotting down notes from the exhibition boards. They're really passionate about history! I particularly enjoyed the guided museum tour. (5) When/While we were appreciating the exquisite artefacts, (6) the tour guide was explaining the background of the artefacts to us enthusiastically.

After that, we went to a nice restaurant for dinner. (7) When/While we were eating dinner, (8) Dad shared a funny story with us about his childhood. One time he visited the History Museum with Grandma and Granddad. (9) When/While my grandparents were listening to the tour guide's explanation carefully, (10) mischievous young Dad slipped out of the exhibition room.

(11) When/While he was wandering around the museum, (12) he accidentally got into a small and dusty chamber. He was astonished to find a heap of bones and skeletons in there. (13) When/While he was observing the bones curiously, (14) he heard a strange and frightening sound from behind him. 'I screamed hysterically when a rough hand touched my shoulder! Luckily, it was neither a zombie nor a mummy. It was a security guard!' He laughed.

I've never imagined that Dad was such a playful boy when he was young!

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Connectives of reason: as, because and since

Your friends are texting you. Answer their questions using the information provided with the correct connectives of reason.

David: Hey, do you want to come over and study together?

You: (1) I can't come over as I'm at the clinic now./As I'm at the clinic now, I can't come

over.

(can't come over/at the clinic now) (as)

David: Why are you at the clinic?

You: (2) I'm at the clinic because my little sister is ill./Because my little sister is ill, I'm at

the clinic.

(my little sister is ill/at the clinic) (because)

David: Can you come over after you leave then?

You: (3) I can't come later either as I have to look after my little sister./As I have to look

after my little sister, I can't come later either.

(have to look after my little sister/can't come later either) (as)

(4) Since my parents are busy working, I have to take care of her./I have to take

care of her since my parents are busy working.

(my parents are busy working/have to take care of her) (since)

Alice: Why did you keep yawning in class today?

You: (5) I kept yawning in class today because I'm really tired./Because I'm really tired,

I kept yawning in class today.

(kept yawning in class today/really tired) (because)

Alice: Why are you so tired?

You: (6) I couldn't sleep well since my neighbour's dog was barking all night./Since my

neighbour's dog was barking all night, I couldn't sleep well.

(couldn't sleep well/my neighbour's dog was barking all night) (since)

Alice: You should complain to your neighbour about it.

You: (7) As my neighbour is a kind old woman, I don't want to complain to her./I don't

want to complain to her as my neighbor is a kind old woman.

(my neighbour/kind old woman/don't want to complain to her) (as)

(8) She is really depressed now because her husband passed away last

week./Because her husband passed away last week, she is really depressed now.

(she/really depressed now/her husband passed away last week) (because)

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Mark: Why did you only have a salad for lunch today?

You: (9) I only had a salad because I'm on a diet./Because I'm on a diet, I only had a

salad. (only had a salad/on a diet) (because)

Mark: Why are you on a diet?

You: (10) Since I need to get in shape, I decided to go on a diet./I decided to go on a

diet since I need to get in shape.

(need to get in shape/decided to go on a diet) (since)

Mark: Why do you need to get in shape?

You: (11) As I want to join a charity run next month, I need to keep fit./I need to keep fit

as I want to join a charity run next month.

(want to join a charity run next month/need to keep fit) (as)

Abby: Which cinema do you want to go to tomorrow?

You: (12) I want to go to the cinema in Causeway Bay since it is cleaner.

(want to go to the cinema in Causeway Bay/it/cleaner) (since)

Abby: Do you want to watch a horror film?

You: (13) As I hate feeling terrified, I don't want to watch a horror film./I don't want to

watch a horror film as I hate feeling terrified.

(hate feeling terrified/don't want/watch a horror film) (as)

Abby: What kind of film do you prefer to watch?

You: (14) I prefer to watch a comedy because it can lift my spirits.

(prefer to watch a comedy/can lift my spirits) (because)

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Connectives of result: so, therefore and as a result

You are a committee member of the Photography Club. The President of the Club has asked you to write some reminders for the coming hiking tour for club members. Rewrite the reminders based on the information in the note sheet and the correct connectives of result in brackets.

bring a tripod to set your camera stably get yourselves a few packs of energy bars there will be no regular club meeting that day we aim to finish the tour by 6 p.m. you do not need to bring a flash you had better prepare wide-angle lenses you may apply some sunscreen

you have to arrange your own transport
you must carry a map and a compass
you must wear proper hiking shoes
you need to be punctual
you need to bring an umbrella
you ought to drink plenty of water during the hike
you should spray insect repellent on your skin

Photography Club Hiking Tour—last minute reminders

- The club will organize a hiking tour next Friday. Therefore, there will be no regular club meeting that day. (therefore)
- 2 The tour begins at 8 a.m. and we will leave on time, so you need to be punctual. (so)
- We will be outdoors the whole day, so you do not need to bring a flash. (so)
- 4 It should be quite sunny that day. As a result, you may apply some sunscreen. (as a result)
- However, the weather forecast said it might rain in the late afternoon. Therefore, you need to bring an umbrella. (therefore)
- We will spend the whole day trekking through mountains, so you must wear proper hiking shoes. (so)
- We will try to shoot time-lapse videos, so bring a tripod to set your camera stably. (so)
- 8 There may be mosquitos and harmful insects around. As a result, you should spray insect repellent on your skin. (as a result)
- 9 You may become dehydrated after you sweat. As a result, you ought to drink plenty of water during the hike. (as a result)
- There will be many opportunities to take landscape shots. <u>Therefore, you had better prepare wide-angle lenses.</u> (therefore)

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- The hike involves demanding physical exercise and you might be hungry in the middle of the day, so get yourselves a few packs of energy bars. (so)
- The Internet signal will be weak in the wild. Therefore, you must carry a map and a compass. (therefore)
- 13 Sunset will be at about 6.30 p.m. <u>As a result, we aim to finish the tour by 6 p.m.</u> (as a result)
- We will dismiss at the site. <u>Therefore, you have to arrange your own transport.</u> (therefore)

Consolidation

You are writing an email giving advice to your friend. Complete the email by writing the correct form of the verb in brackets, adding 'while' or 'when' and by rewriting the underlined sentences with the correct connectives.

Dear Karen,

Thank you for your email. (1) <u>I'm terribly sorry that I couldn't receive your phone call. I had my hands full this morning.</u> (because) It's saddening to hear that your sister passed away at such a young age. (2) <u>I share your grief and agony. I also lost a sibling before.</u> (since) The memory of my brother is still fresh as though he was still here with me.

I remember that I was having a lesson at school (3) when my brother had a fatal traffic accident. I was jotting notes in my textbook quietly (4) when/while Mr Lee (5) was writing (write) on the blackboard. All of a sudden, a school office staff rushed in and whispered something in his ear. Mr Lee looked shocked by the news. My classmates (6) were chattering (chatter) about what was wrong. I (7) was not/wasn't paying (not pay) any attention to them as I thought that it had nothing to do with me. Then, Mr Lee asked me to go to the principal's office immediately.

When I (8) <u>stepped</u> (step) into the principal's office, my class teacher Miss Lam and Principal Wong (9) <u>were standing</u> (stand) solemnly. They told me that my younger brother had passed away in a serious car accident. I couldn't take in this tragic news and burst into tears at once. (10) <u>My brother was so young. I couldn't really believe that he was dead.</u> (so) It felt like a nightmare that I would never wake up from.

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The following months were simply torture. I (11) was arguing (argue) with my parents all the time since my emotions were unstable. (12) One day, I couldn't bear to stay with my parents any longer. I decided to run away from home. (as a result) I stayed at a friend's house for a couple of weeks. Thankfully, (13) when/while I was away from home, my parents (14) did not/didn't urge (not urge) me to go back. This gave us all time to relax and accept the truth of my brother's death. After a month, when we (15) were not/weren't quarrelling (not quarrel) any more, I (16) returned (return) home and made peace with them. (17) Eventually, we all agreed that we should seek help from a counsellor. We started to attend family therapy sessions. (therefore) Now, we've got over it and are leading a new life.

(18) <u>I'll always miss my brother. We loved each other so much</u>. (as) However, I know that he wouldn't want me to be sad forever. That's why when I think of him now, I'll cheer myself up with the happy memories we had together.

I know that your pain is still fresh. It'll take some time for you to recover. Yet, I believe that you'll find peace soon in the future. If you ever want someone to talk to, I'll always be here for you. Stay strong!

Love,

(Student's name)

- (1) I'm terribly sorry that I couldn't receive your phone call because I had my hands full this morning./Because I had my hands full this morning, I'm terribly sorry that I couldn't receive your phone call.
- (2) I share your grief and agony since I also lost a sibling before./Since I also lost a sibling before, I share your grief and agony.
- (10) My brother was so young, so I couldn't really believe that he was dead.
- (12) One day, I couldn't bear to stay with my parents any longer. As a result, I decided to run away from home.
- (17) Eventually, we all agreed that we should seek help from a counsellor. Therefore, we started to attend family therapy sessions.
- (18) <u>I'll always miss my brother as we loved each other so much.</u>/ As we loved each other so much, I'll always miss my brother.