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Grammar Tenses:

For each of the six questions choose the one correct answer.

1. A: _____ to Japan?

B: Once, when I was a little girl, we went to Osaka and saw the famous Osaka castle.

- a. Did you ever go
- b. Were you ever
- c. Had you ever been
- d. Have you ever been

2. A: _____ any foreign languages?

B: Yes, I do, I've been studying Arabic at night school.

- a. Do you speak
- b. Are you speaking
- c. Have you spoken
- d. Did you speak

3. A: What _____ at the weekend?

B: Nothing much, I went shopping on Saturday and spent Sunday with my family.

- a. did you do
- b. were you doing
- c. you did
- d. have you done

4. I didn't see him, when I arrived at the party, he _____ home.

- a. was leaving and going
- b. left and went
- c. had left and gone
- d. leaves and goes

5. Apparently, Sophie _____ married in May – but she hasn't invited me!

- a. is getting
- b. gets
- c. will get
- d. will have got

6. The bus for Liverpool _____ at 4.20 every day.

- a. has left
- b. due to leave
- c. to leave
- d. leaves

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Answers

1. A: _____ to Japan?

B: Once, when I was a little girl, we went to Osaka and saw the famous Osaka castle.

a. Did you ever go - is correct in US English, but what do we say in British English?

b. Were you ever - 'Were you ever *in* Japan?' but not 'Were you ever *to* Japan?'

c. Had you ever been - The past perfect, used to show the 'past past'

d. Have you ever been - is used to ask about life experience. Correct

2. A: _____ any foreign languages?

B: Yes, I do, I've been studying Arabic at night school.

a. Do you speak - asks about something which is constant or always true. Correct

b. Are you speaking - asks about something which is happening at the moment.

c. Have you spoken - asks about something which happened at sometime up until now.

d. Did you speak - asks about something in the past.

3. A: What _____ at the weekend?

B: Nothing much, I went shopping on Saturday and spent Sunday with my family.

a. did you do - asks about a finished time in the past, e.g. the weekend. Correct

b. were you doing - asks about an action 'in progress' e.g. I was sitting down when I saw her.

c. you did - is not correct – you need to use 'did + verb'.

d. have you done - is not correct – with finished times in the past use 'What did you do...?'

4. I didn't see him, when I arrived at the party, he _____ home.

a. was leaving and going - suggests I saw him as he was leaving.

b. left and went - suggests he left as I arrived, so I saw him.

c. had left and gone - tells us he left before I arrived. Correct

d. leaves and goes - suggests something he does regularly.

5. Apparently, Sophie _____ married in May – but she hasn't invited me!

a. is getting - describes an arrangement. Correct

b. gets - Use the present simple to talk about future events which are on a schedule

c. will get - Use 'will get...' for different futures, but not to describe an arrangement.

d. will have got - Use 'will have got' to say that something will have happened by a certain time in the future e.g. By 2050 we will have stopped using our cars in city centres.

6. Hurry! The check-in _____ at 4.20!

a. For something which happens at the same time regularly, we can use the present simple to describe the future.

b. For something which happens at the same time regularly, we can use the present simple to describe the future.

c. For something which happens at the same time regularly, we can use the present simple to describe the future.

- d. **Correct - For something which happens at the same time regularly, we can use the present simple to describe the future.**