

**Ex I et II p.24**

**I – Put the verb into the correct form, past + V-ING or past simple.**

- a- Jenny .....**was waiting**..... (wait) for me when I ...**arrived**..... (arrive).
- b- “What .....**were you doing**..... (you/do) at this time yesterday?” “I was asleep.”
- c- “...**Did you go**..... (you/go) out last night?” “No, I was too tired.”
- d- How fast ...**were you driving**..... (you/drive) when the accident ...**happened**..... (happen)?
- e- Sam ...**took**..... (take) a photograph of me while I ...**was not looking**..... (not/look).
- f- We were in a very difficult position. We ...**didn't know** ..... (not/know) what to do.
- g- I haven't seen Alan for ages. When I last ...**saw**..... (see) him, he ...**was trying**..... (try) to find a job.
- h- I ...**was walking**..... (walk) along the street when suddenly I ...**heard**..... (hear) footsteps behind me. Somebody .....**was following**..... (follow) me. I was scared and I .....**started**..... (start) to run.
- i- When I was young, I ...**wanted**..... (want) to be a pilot.
- j- Last night I ...**dropped**..... (drop) a plate when I .....**was doing**..... (do) the washing up. Fortunately it **didn't break**..... (not/break).

**II – Spot the possible mistakes and correct them. Write R for Right.**

1. He was always smirking when he was hearing her. W -> Cela ne fonctionne pas car nous avons “hearing” (entendre), ce qui implique que l'action a duré longtemps; le sens de “hear” renvoie généralement à quelque chose de bref; si on veut considérer que cela dure longtemps il vaut mieux utiliser “listen” (écouter); dans ce cas, la phrase “He was always smirking when he was listening to her” fonctionne parfaitement. ; avec “hear”, cela sonne un peu faux. Donc il vaut mieux “He always smirked when he heard her”.
2. I was knowing him quite well when we were at school. -> W: -> I knew him quite well when we were at school.
3. Jane was loving Gary for a long time before they eventually got married.-> R... Rightish: on a before, ce qui implique que le fait d'aimer est antérieur; pour avoir une phrase qui sonne bien on aurait: “Jane had loved Gary for a long time before they eventually got married.”
4. He was making a speech. Hecklers kept interrupting him.-> R
5. The boat was sailing in the Red Sea for two weeks when it was hijacked by pirates. -> R
6. I was thinking of inviting them to my farewell party. -> R
7. Robin was catching the 6 o'clock flight, so she thought she'd better rush.->R
8. Somebody stole my wallet while I was seeing the sights.-> R... Rightish: seeing the sights est un peu lourd (was doing some sightseeing serait mieux)