

1 Choose the correct options.

I (1) *was going / went* on a French exchange recently.
 I (2) *was staying / stayed* with a French boy named Olivier and his family for three weeks over Easter. I (3) *had / was having* an amazing time out there. They (4) *were taking / took* me skiing for ten days, which was incredible! I (5) *didn't go / hadn't been* before, but (6) *I'd been having / I was having* lessons on an artificial slope to get myself ready, so I wasn't completely useless when I got there. Over the next few weeks, both my skiing and my French (7) *had improved / improved*. The only bad thing about the trip was that while we (8) *had been staying / were staying* in the mountains, I got really ill. I don't know if it was food poisoning or what, but I (9) *felt / had felt* really bad. Olivier (10) *has been coming / is coming* here in July. I'm a bit worried because I can't take him to do exciting things like skiing! Most of the time here, (11) *I just hang out / I'm just hanging out* with my friends. (12) *I still look / I'm still looking* forward to seeing him, though.

2 Complete the sentences. Use the past perfect continuous form of the verb if appropriate. If not, use the past perfect simple.

- 1 My sister _____ (talk) about doing a student exchange for years, so it's great that she finally went.
- 2 We _____ (know) each other for years before we decided to go travelling together.
- 3 I got really badly sunburnt. I _____ (lie) around on the beach all day and just forgot to put sun cream on!
- 4 I _____ (see) quite a lot of the country during my time there, but that was my first time in the capital.
- 5 This was my third time in the city. I _____ (enjoy) it the other two times but didn't have much of a feel for it yet.
- 6 They were so kind. We _____ (stay) in a B&B, but they said we could sleep at their place.