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Complete the text with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

An unlucky traveller

At the age of 55, Daniel (already retire) from his stressful job as a bank manager, and he (find) work as a French teacher in Vietnam. He (always dream) of going there. He (get on) very well with his students, and some of them (invite) him to their village.



The journey was long and hot, and on the way back Daniel (collapse), and his students (take) him to hospital, where doctors (say) that he (suffer) a minor heart attack. Then, while he (cross) the street to get a taxi home, a motorbike (hit) him, and Daniel (go) straight back to hospital, where he (spend) another week. But worst of all, when he (finally leave) hospital and (return) to work, the language school (fire) him because he (miss) too many classes. Luckily, however, he (soon get) a better job there and is now enjoying his new life.

Correct the sentences.

- 1 Carl jogged in the park when a dog bit him.
- 2 My horse was stumbling over a rock when I was galloping across the fields.
- 3 While we saw many exotic animals, we were trekking through the jungle.
- 4 Alice was spraining her ankle when she ran the race.
- 5 My mother was having dinner while the phone rang.

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Complete the sentences with your own explanations in the past perfect.

- 1 Susanna was late for class because...

- 2 The building was evacuated because...

- 3 The hikers got lost because...

- 4 Marie fell asleep with a big smile on her face because...

- 5 He was given a medal because...

- 6 Federico got really sunburnt because...

Combine the sentences, using the word in brackets to link them.

- 1 It was bitterly cold. They went for a walk. (although)

- 2 She lost the first few games. She remained positive. (in spite of)

- 3 He didn't get the promotion. He had worked hard. (even though)

- 4 She suffered a lot of setbacks. She managed to finish the race. (despite)

- 5 Juan was afraid of heights. His mother took him to the Eiffel Tower. (in spite of)

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Rewrite the sentences in two different ways, using the sentence beginnings given.

- 1 Richard is highly qualified, but he didn't get the job.

Despite his .

Despite being .

- 2 Although Amelie was tired, she couldn't sleep.

In spite of her .

In spite of being .

- 3 Even though Sami got injured, he was able to get back to the base camp.

Despite getting .

Despite his .

- 4 They planned the expedition carefully, but a lot of things went wrong.

In spite of their .

In spite of planning .

Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

- 1 Although my Maths teacher is very patient, .

- 2 The team , in spite of all their training.

- 3 Despite not having much money, my friends and I .

- 4 Even though I used lots of sun cream .