

Put each verb in brackets into a suitable past verb form. Only use the past perfect where this is absolutely necessary.

- a) While I (try) **was trying**.....to get my car started, a passing car (stop) .....and the driver (offer).....to help me.
- b) The police (pay).....no attention to Clare's complaint because she (phone).....them so many times before.
- c) Mary (not wear).....her glasses at the time, so she (not notice) .....what kind of car the man (drive).....
- d) Nick (lie).....down on the grass for a while, next to some tourists who (feed).....the ducks.
- e) Tony (admit).....that he (hit).....the other car, but said that he (not damage).....it.
- f) Sorry, I (not listen).....to you. I (think) .....about something else.
- g) Helen (feel).....very tired, and when she (finish) .....her work, she (fall).....asleep.
- h) The police (get).....to Clare's house as fast as they could, but the burglars (disappear).....
- i) I (phone).....you last night but you (not answer) .....What (you do).....?
- j) We (not go).....out yesterday because it (rain)

Complete the sentences for situations in the past. Decide which tense you need to use.

1. A plumber (come) ✎ \_\_\_\_\_ to our house yesterday.
2. He (want) ✎ \_\_\_\_\_ to repair our washing machine that (break) ✎ \_\_\_\_\_ a few days before.
3. Before he (ring) ✎ \_\_\_\_\_ at my door, he (look) ✎ \_\_\_\_\_ for a parking space for about ten minutes.
4. While the plumber (repair) ✎ \_\_\_\_\_ the washing machine, I (watch) ✎ \_\_\_\_\_ the news.
5. Suddenly, I (realise) ✎ \_\_\_\_\_ that they (show) ✎ \_\_\_\_\_ our street on TV.
6. The reporter (say) ✎ \_\_\_\_\_ that a car (crash) ✎ \_\_\_\_\_ into a stop sign just before reaching the crossroads.
7. While I (listen) ✎ \_\_\_\_\_ carefully to what (happen) ✎ \_\_\_\_\_, someone (knock) ✎ \_\_\_\_\_ at my door.
8. I (open) ✎ \_\_\_\_\_ the door and (see) ✎ \_\_\_\_\_ a police officer standing there.
9. He (ask) ✎ \_\_\_\_\_ for the plumber.