

Complete the sentences with the past perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Louisa realised that she (not see) her cousin for over a year.
- 2 Ben got lost because he (not ask) for directions before he left.
- 3 Everyone had to leave the area because the storm (cause) a lot of damage.
- 4 I couldn't believe what I (just/hear) on the news report.
- 5 After they (finish) their picnic, they picked up all their rubbish and went home.
- 6 Alex couldn't call his mum because he (forget) to charge his mobile.

Choose the correct verb forms to complete the sentences.

- 1 A few summers ago I **saw / had seen** a TV programme about orienteering.
- 2 I **didn't hear / hadn't heard** of it before but I thought it looked exciting.
- 3 I really wanted to try it because I **spent / had spent** a lot of time at the park as a child.
- 4 She **recently ran / 'd recently run** a half-marathon, so I knew she was the right teammate.
- 5 After we'd put our boots and stuff in the car, we **drove / had driven** to a nearby forest.
- 6 Once we **worked / 'd worked** out the quickest way, we ran faster.
- 7 We **were / had been** pleased when we got to the finish line.
- 8 When they announced the winners, we found out that we **won / had won**!

Our first festival

My friends and I ¹ (decide) to go to Latitude after we'd read a review about it. We wanted to do something different and we ² (not go) a festival before. We booked our tickets online and downloaded a list of things to take that the organisers ³ (put) on the website. My backpack ⁴ (be) really heavy because my mum had given me lots of food! We travelled with hundreds of other teenagers who ⁵ (buy) tickets for the festival. At the campsite, it took ages to put up our tent because we ⁶ (not pack) the instructions. It was exhausting! At last, we were ready. There were poetry classes, art exhibitions, dance demonstrations and lots more. Finally, we ⁷ (arrive) at the stage where my favourite singer ⁸ (just/start) his performance. He was amazing!

Complete the article with the past simple or past perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

Being a tourist in my own town



Last weekend my mum and I decided to be tourists in our own town because we ¹ (not visit) any of the tourist attractions in the area before. We read some reviews to find out what places visitors ² (enjoy) the most. We then put together a list of things to do. On the first day, we ³ (go) to the biggest art gallery in the area. Before we got there, we ⁴ (not realise) how many amazing paintings we'd see there! We really enjoyed it.

The next morning, we ⁵ (take) a guided tour of the city. The guide knew a lot about the different buildings because he ⁶ (be) an architect when he was younger. I didn't think I'd like it but I did. In the afternoon, we walked around the park and ⁷ (look) at the amazing sculptures there – I ⁸ (never/notice) them before. I think that's why it's good to be a tourist in your own town for a weekend. You see things you didn't know were there.

Choose the correct verb forms to complete the interview.
Are there any other examples of stative verbs in the text?

My Mexican summer

A Where did you go and why?

My grandparents are Mexican, but before this summer, I **'was not understanding / did not understand** much Spanish. So my brother and I **'were going / went** to my grandparents' house in Mexico to change that.

B How did you learn?

When we arrived, our grandparents **'were waiting / waited** to greet us at the airport in the town of Merida. We didn't use any books to learn Spanish, but we didn't need them. We **'were going / went** with our grandmother to the local market every day, where we **'were choosing / chose** something tasty for our dinner that day. One day, we **'were listening / listened** to Mexican songs on the radio while we **'were cooking / cooked** together, and I realised I could understand all the words!

C What did your grandfather teach you?

Most weekends we **'were exploring / explored** interesting places around town with my grandad. One day, he **'was shutting / shut** the car door on his finger. I **'was hearing / heard** him say a new word. 'What does that mean, Grandad?' I asked. 'You don't need to know that word,' he told me! I'm not bilingual yet, but I'm good at communicating in Spanish now.