

## PRACTICE

## 38a Circle the correct answer.

Amy and I went to Lucy's house on Friday night. We (0) arrived / 'd arrived late, but she (1) *didn't prepare* / *hadn't prepared* any food. In fact, she (2) *had* / *was having* a bath!

I (3) *found* / *'d found* somebody's diary on the train last week. It (4) *was* / *had been* on the floor near a seat. Obviously, somebody (5) *dropped* / *had dropped* it. The owner's name and address (6) *were* / *had been* inside, so I (7) *sent* / *was sending* it back to him.

I (8) *got* / *was getting* lost on my way to college on the first day. I (9) *forgot* / *'d forgotten* to bring a map, so I walked a long way in the wrong direction. The streets were very busy and everybody (10) *walked* / *was walking* very fast.

## 38b Complete the article. Use the past simple, past continuous or past perfect of the verbs in brackets.

## Avalanche survivors in good health

A survivor of Monday's avalanche (0) described (describe) his experience to reporters yesterday.

Duncan Wood and his friend Steven Taylor (1) ..... (return) from a climb when the avalanche (2) ..... (hit) them. 'We (3) ..... (check) the weather reports before leaving, of course, and we (4) ..... (chose) an area that was safe – we thought,' Mr Wood said. 'The weather was OK – it (5) ..... (not snow). We (6) ..... (walk) down the mountain when suddenly, the snow under me (7) ..... (start) moving

and (8) ..... (carry) me down the mountain. I was terrified! Snow and rocks (9) ..... (fall) everywhere around me!

'When it (10) ..... (stop), I was covered in snow, but I could still see the sky above me. I (11) ..... (manage) to dig a hole and get out. Then I (12) ..... (see) an arm in the snow near me. Steven (13) ..... (land) right next to me! I (14) ..... (dig) a hole for him and he (15) ..... (get) out. We weren't badly injured and we feel fine now. We were very lucky.'



# Check 8 Narrative tenses

1 Complete the sentences. Use the past perfect or past simple of the verbs in brackets. Sometimes both are possible.

- 1 By the time it ..... dark, we ..... a good place to camp. (get, find)
- 2 When we ..... , Ben ..... . (arrive, already / leave)
- 3 She ..... after she ..... lunch. (go out, have)
- 4 As soon as I ..... my work, I ..... very relieved. (finish, feel)
- 5 She ..... a lot about him before she ..... to his exhibition. (read, go)
- 6 The plane ..... by the time we ..... to the airport. (take off, get)

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2 Complete the conversations. Use the past perfect or past simple of the verbs in brackets.

A: Did your performance go well?  
B: No, it didn't. We played really badly because we (7) ..... (not practise) enough.

A: Didn't you go to the cinema with Ben and Philip on Friday?

B: No. I (8) ..... (already / see) the film they were going to see.

A: How did you get home last night?

B: Sarah (9) ..... (give) us a lift.

A: Kevin and Mark were really excited because they (10) ..... (never / be) to London before.

B: Yes, I know. Mark told me.

A: I like this photo of you! Is it recent?

B: Yes. Nina (11) ..... (take) it about a month ago.

A: Does Luke live here?

B: No. He (12) ..... (move) to Cambridge in 2005.

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3 Circle the correct answer.

When I opened the front door, I (13) ..... Lucy in the kitchen. She (14) ..... quite loudly. I (15) ..... for a few moments and then I went into the kitchen. Lucy and my mother (16) ..... at the table. My mother (17) ..... a cake and they were eating it. I (18) ..... a glass of water and went to my room. It was a mess. I (19) ..... it at all before I left. I (20) ..... my computer and checked my e-mails.

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 13 A heard        | B was hearing    |
| C were hearing    | D had heard      |
| 14 A talked       | B was talking    |
| C had talked      | D had talking    |
| 15 A listened     | B have listened  |
| C was listening   | D had listened   |
| 16 A have sat     | B was sitting    |
| C were sitting    | D had sat        |
| 17 A made         | B has made       |
| C was making      | D had made       |
| 18 A got          | B was getting    |
| C were getting    | D had got        |
| 19 A didn't tidy  | B wasn't tidying |
| C weren't tidying | D hadn't tidied  |
| 20 A turned on    | B was turning on |
| C were turning on | D had turned on  |

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Total: / 20



## Self-check

| Wrong answers                  | Look again at | Try CD-ROM  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12            | Unit 36       | Exercise 36 |
| 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6               | Unit 37       | Exercise 37 |
| 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 | Unit 38       | Exercise 38 |

Now do Check 8

