A Complete using the correct past perfect simple form of the verbs in brackets.

1 By the time I arrived, everyone ..... (**leave**)!
2 Steve ..... (**already / see**) the film, so he didn't come with us to the cinema.
3 Tina ..... (**not / finish**) doing the housework by seven o'clock, so she called Andrea to tell her she would be late.
4 ..... (**you / just / speak**) to Billy when I rang?
5 The car broke down just after ..... (**we / set off**).
6 I didn't eat anything at the party because ..... (**I / already / eat**) at home.
7 ..... (**you / hear**) about the accident before you saw it on TV?

B Choose the sentence (A or B) which means the same as the first sentence.

1 We'd had dinner when Wendy arrived.
   A Wendy arrived and then we had dinner.
   B We had dinner and then Wendy arrived.

2 I read the book after I'd seen the film.
   A I saw the film and then I read the book.
   B I read the book and then I saw the film.

3 By the time Dad came home, I'd gone to bed.
   A I went to bed before Dad came home.
   B I went to bed after Dad came home.

4 She didn't go to bed until her mum had come home.
   A She went to bed and then her mum came home.
   B Her mum came home and then she went to bed.

5 Mr Banks hadn't arrived at the office by the time I got there.
   A I arrived before Mr Banks.
   B Mr Banks arrived before me.

6 They'd bought the plane tickets before they heard about the cheaper flight.
   A They bought the plane tickets and later they heard about the cheaper flight.
   B They heard about the cheaper flight and then they bought the plane tickets.

7 The girls had tidied the house when the visitors arrived.
   A The visitors arrived and later the girls tidied the house.
   B The girls tidied the house and then the visitors arrived.

C Write sentences using the prompts. One of the verbs must be in the past perfect simple.

1 we / just / hear / the news / when / you / ring
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2 I / already / think of / that / before / you / suggest / it
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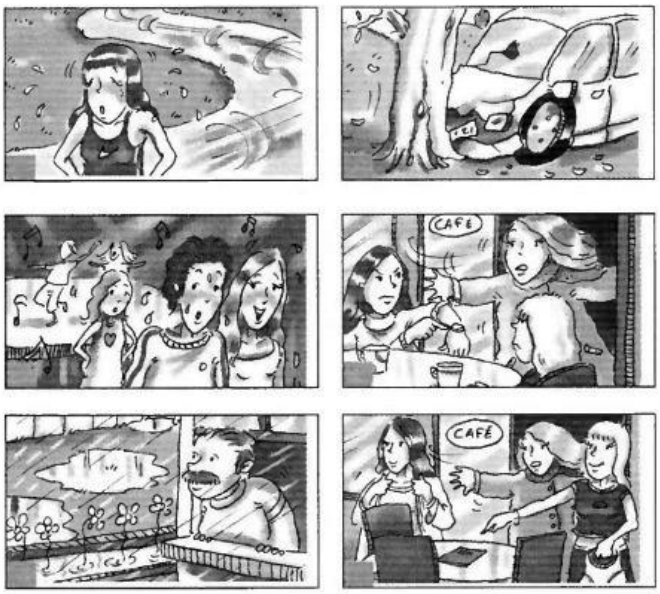
3 when / I / turn on / the TV / the programme / already / start
.....

4 she / be / hungry / because / she / not / eat / anything / all day
.....

5 by the time / I leave / school / I / decide / to become / a musician
.....

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D Look at the pictures and complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the past perfect continuous.



1 She was tired because .... **(run)**.
2 They were hot because .... **(dance)**.
3 The garden was flooded because .... **(it / rain / all night)**.
4 Did they crash because .... **(drive / too fast)**?
5 When I arrived, ... **(they / wait / for over half an hour)**.
6 When I got there, ... **(they / not / wait / long)**.

E Choose the correct answer.

1 I'd only ..... the washing-up for a few minutes when Clare came home, so she offered to finish it.
A done B been doing

2 Had you already ..... James his birthday present when we gave him ours?
A given B been giving

3 Gail hadn't ..... me that she would help me, so I wasn't angry when she didn't.
A told B been telling

4 Mum had ..... her cup of tea for several minutes before she realised it had salt in it!
A drunk B been drinking

5 We'd ..... ready all day when they called to say the party had been cancelled.
A got B been getting

6 It was a fantastic experience because I'd never ..... in a plane before.
A flown B been flying

F If a line is correct, put a tick (✓). If there is an extra word in a line, write the word.

Dear Diary,

1 had This morning my exam results finally ~~had~~ came. I'd been expecting
2 ..... them for the last week. I knew I'd been done quite well, but I was
3 ..... still nervous as I had opened the envelope. Before I'd had a chance to
4 ..... look at them, my sister ran up and pulled them out of my hand! She
5 ..... had read them out one by one. 'English A, maths A, biology A,
6 ..... French A … ' This was the news I'd been waiting for. I'd got As in
7 ..... every subject – even geography, which I hadn't been making sure
8 ..... about! When Mum and Dad heard the news, they immediately started
9 ..... been shouting with joy. By the time I'd had breakfast, Mum had
10 ..... already called Grandma and Grandpa and had yet told the neighbours!

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