GRAMMAR 2.2

Past Perfect Simple and Continuous

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1 Match beginnings 1–6 with endings a–g and put the verbs into the Past Perfect Simple. There is one extra ending.

Beth was embarrassed because she *had put on* (put on) (h)

1 Dan couldn't order his new trainers online because they _____ (run out) ( )

2 Lee never found his phone. It _____ (fall) ( )

3 Jill couldn't claim her lottery win because someone _____ (steal) ( )

4 John wasn't allowed in the pool because he _____ (not/bring) ( )

5 Kyle _____ (never/use) a washing machine before ( )

6 I wish we _____ (not/book) ( )

a of his size.
b the winning ticket out of her handbag.
c out of his pocket while he was lying on the grass.
d and had no idea how they worked.
e a swimming cap.
f the car from his dad.
g cinema tickets for 5 p.m. We won't have time for dinner.
h odd socks by mistake that morning.

2 ★ Complete the texts with the verbs in the box.

had been cycling had been feeling had been looking forward to had done (x2) had eaten had failed had he set off hadn't worked

1 Avril's face was rather a funny green colour. She said she *had eaten* a whole tub of ice cream an hour earlier and [a] _____ rather sick ever since. When I asked why she [b] _____ that, she said that she [c] _____ a test at school and needed cheering up. Clearly her plan [d] _____ .

2 Jack [a] _____ to school for ten minutes when he noticed how quiet the streets were and finally realised it was Saturday. Why on earth [b] _____ for school on a Saturday? It [c] _____ a long and stressful week and he [d] _____ the weekend all week. His family were going to laugh when they found out what he [e] _____ .

3 ★★ Complete the sentences with the Past Perfect Simple or the Past Perfect Continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

a When we finally landed, the plane *had been flying* (fly) for fourteen hours.
b When we finally landed, the plane *had flown* (fly) over 5,900 miles.

1 a Trevor _____ (live) in this town for 20 years before he found out that his next door neighbour used to be a famous actress.
b Trevor _____ (know) his next door neighbour for twenty years before he found out she used to be a famous actress.

2 a Vladimir _____ (sneak) out of the house secretly at night for months before he was finally caught.
b Earlier that night, Vladimir _____ (sneak) out of the house without waking his parents.

3 a The security guard _____ (sleep) for hours when the office was broken into.
b The security guard was fired because he _____ (sleep) through the burglary.

4 ★★★ Complete the text with the Past Perfect Simple or the Past Perfect Continuous forms of the verbs in the box.

always start correctly predict do go off hear look forward love put up receive snow wait

George and Gina *had been waiting* for Christmas for roughly 364 days. Ever since they were children, they [1] _____ everything about the festive season, especially Christmas dinner. And George and Gina [2] _____ early. By the end of each summer, they [3] _____ most of their Christmas shopping, and by late October, they [4] _____ their tree. Their friends [5] _____ Christmas cards in early November for as long as they could remember.

This year, the weather forecasters [6] _____ a white Christmas – George and Gina's absolute favourite. Ever since they [7] _____ this, they [8] _____ to Christmas even more than ever. When George opened the curtains on Christmas morning, he was greeted by a winter wonderland. Unfortunately, when he went downstairs, he discovered it [9] _____ so much that the electricity [10] _____ . Christmas dinner was a cold ham sandwich eaten in a dark room next to an unlit tree.

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5 Choose the most suitable tense to complete the sentences.

1 The mathematician *had attempted / had been attempting* the problem nearly one hundred times before she finally solved it.
2 By midnight, all the guests *had left / had been leaving.*
3 Claire was given full marks in the speaking test. She *had revised / had been revising* all week long.
4 When the police examined all possible causes of the accident, they discovered that the driver *had probably fallen / had probably been falling* asleep behind the wheel.
5 Ryan left the room after the exam *had finished / had been finishing.*
6 They *had planned / had been planning* the wedding for months when he discovered she was actually in love with someone else.

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