

Holiday Memories

Sun, sand, missed flights and lost luggage! Complete the travel stories with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.



Name: _____

Date: _____

Group: _____

A

Past Simple or Past Continuous?

Interrupted actions, background scenes and parallel actions



Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or the past continuous.

- 1 While we _____ (swim) in the lagoon, a huge wave _____ (sweep) my sunglasses away.
- 2 I _____ (lose) my passport while I _____ (stand) in the queue at the check-in desk.
- 3 The sun _____ (shine) and the children _____ (build) sandcastles when the storm suddenly _____ (begin).
- 4 What _____ you _____ (do) when the tour guide _____ (ring) the bell for dinner?
- 5 My sister _____ (fall) asleep while the coach _____ (wind) its way up the mountain road.
- 6 We _____ (not / hear) the boarding announcement because we _____ (eat) ice cream at the other end of the terminal.
- 7 As the ferry _____ (leave) the harbour, a gust of wind _____ (blow) my straw hat into the sea.

B

Past Simple or Past Perfect?

Which happened first?



Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or the past perfect.

- 1 By the time we _____ (get) to the station, the last train to the coast _____ (already / go).
- 2 I _____ (never / see) such a spectacular sunset until I _____ (take) a trip to Santorini.



B

Past Simple or Past Perfect? (continued)

- 3 When we finally _____ (reach) the hotel, the receptionist told us she _____ (give) our room to another couple.
- 4 Ana _____ (feel) dizzy on the hike because she _____ (not / drink) any water since breakfast.
- 5 We _____ (buy) new swimsuits at the beach shop because we _____ (forget) to pack ours.
- 6 _____ you ever _____ (sleep) in a tent before you _____ (fly) to Patagonia?
- 7 When we eventually _____ (find) the little museum, it _____ (shut) its doors for the day.

C

Past Perfect Simple or Continuous?

Completed results vs. duration before a past moment



Put the verbs in brackets into the past perfect simple or the past perfect continuous.

- 1 My legs were aching because we _____ (ride) our bikes along the coast since early morning.
- 2 By the end of the holiday, I _____ (write) twenty postcards to friends and family.
- 3 The kids were badly sunburnt because they _____ (lie) on the beach all afternoon without any sunscreen.
- 4 How long _____ you _____ (sit) in the departure lounge when they finally announced the delay?
- 5 Tom _____ (drive) for nearly ten hours, so he was exhausted when we reached the campsite.
- 6 We _____ (spend) all our money by the third day, so we lived on sandwiches for the rest of the week.
- 7 Our guide _____ (teach) surfing in Bali for ten years before he opened his own school.

My score:

A

/ 7

B

/ 7

C

/ 7

Total

/ 21