

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Recently his perfectionism _____ (become) an obstacle in our relationship.
- 2 While she _____ (travel) in the jungle, she _____ (conquer) her fear of spiders.
- 3 At the moment I _____ (study) to become a lawyer.
- 4 The charity _____ (raise) millions for sick children last year.
- 5 He _____ (try) to solve this conundrum for years, but he not have an answer yet.

2 Write sentences using the past perfect or past perfect continuous.

- 6 By 2011 / he / work / at the hospital for ten years.

- 7 I / never / visit / someone in prison before.

- 8 At that time / she / live / in Prague for six months.

- 9 He / just / start dinner / when the doorbell rang.

3 Circle the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 10 The hospital staff have bought a new X-ray machine with the money they **have raised** / **raised** / **had raised** last year.
- 11 When she left university she **studied** / **had studied** / **had been studying** for four years.
- 12 Back at work, Bill couldn't believe that the week before he **was lying** / **had been lying** / **lay** on a beach.
- 13 The school **penalized** / **had penalized** / **had been penalizing** Joe after he damaged one of the classrooms.
- 14 Zahara **overcame** / **was overcoming** / **had been overcoming** many obstacles to get to England.
- 15 His sister's mobile **has rung** / **rang** / **had been ringing** all morning, so he switched it off.
- 16 I **never saw** / **have never seen** / **have never been seeing** anyone with such a striking resemblance to my mother before.
- 17 Ari's life **has been** / **had been** / **had been being** difficult before his family left the country.