

Grammar

1 Complete the paragraph. Use the present perfect simple, the present perfect continuous, the past perfect simple or the past simple.

Interview with the coach

Before the match:

'The team ¹ _____ (train) very hard for this match for months. Although the captain ² _____ (hurt) his leg last month, he ³ _____ (recover) now. We ⁴ _____ (not play) this Spanish team since 2012, when we ⁵ _____ (win) 3-0.'

After the match:

'The Spanish team played well; much better than we ⁶ _____ (expect). Since we ⁷ _____ (play) them a few years ago, they ⁸ _____ (improve) a lot. Unfortunately, we ⁹ _____ (no play) well and, by the end of the match, we ¹⁰ _____ (miss) a lot of chances to score.'

2 Circle the correct words.

- 1 By the time we finished shopping, we **spent** / **had spent** all our money.
- 2 Oh no! I **have been leaving** / **have left** my credit card at home!
- 3 Goal! Liverpool **won** / **have won** the cup!
- 4 Pam **had looked** / **had been looking** round the shops for hours before she found the perfect outfit.
- 5 Grandma **had been forgetting** / **had forgotten** her shopping list and couldn't remember what to buy.
- 6 They **had been playing** cricket all morning when the rain **stopped** / **had stopped** the match.

3 Complete the second sentence so it has the same meaning as the first sentence, using the word in bold. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

- 1 Ben started playing ice hockey when he was ten. **been**
Ben _____ ice hockey since he was ten.
- 2 The last race that he won was in 2007. **not**
He _____ race since 2007.
- 3 They practised for weeks and then entered the competition. **practising**
Before they entered the competition, they _____ for weeks.
- 4 The athlete was nervous because he couldn't find his lucky socks. **lost**
The athlete was nervous because he _____ his lucky socks.
- 5 John was breathing fast after his six-mile run. **had**
John was breathing fast after he _____ six miles.
- 6 They couldn't play football because the rain hadn't stopped for days. **been**
They couldn't play football because it _____ for days.
- 7 Aunt Evie went to the supermarket at 9 am and did all her shopping in an hour. **done**
By 10 am, Aunt Evie _____ all her supermarket shopping.
- 8 The school chess team has won all its games so far this year. **winning**
The school chess team _____ its games since the start of the year.

4 Complete the sentences with these words.

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- 1 The team has _____ scored a goal and their fans are going crazy!
- 2 Bill has only played squash _____, so he isn't very good at it.
- 3 Has the boxing match started _____?
- 4 Until she was fifteen, Mary had _____ played tennis, only badminton.
- 5 The coach joined the club five years _____.
- 6 'It's half-time and _____ neither team has scored.'
- 7 Zack has been skateboarding _____ he was a young boy.
- 8 _____ the game finished, the coach had lost his voice.