1) Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

a) While I *had waited/was waiting/waited* at the bus stop, I *had noticed/was noticing/noticed* a new shop which *wasn't/hadn't been* in the street the day before.

b) I *had gone/went* out into the garden to fetch my bike, but *found/was finding* that someone *stole/had stolen* it.

c) When George *met/was meeting* Diane at the party, he *thought/was thinking* that he *saw/had seen/was seeing* her somewhere before.

d) Emily *got off/was getting off* the bus, and walked/was walking into the bank when she *realized/had realized/was realizing* that she *left/had left/was leaving* her handbag on the bus.

e) After I *was buying/had bought* my new computer, I discovered that I *wasn't having/didn't have* enough memory.

f) I went to the post office to ask about my package, but they *had said/said* that it still *hadn't arrived/didn't arrive*.

2) Put each verb into the Past Simple, Past Continuous or Past Perfect. More than one answer may be possible.



The police suspected that Brian (a) ...had broken..... (break) the window at his house because he (b) ..... (want) to make them think that a burglar (c) ..... (steal) his valuable stamp collection. They (d) ..... (think) that Brian (e) ..... (do) this because he (f) ..... (need) the money. However, they (g) ..... (not know) that Brian (h) ..... (fly) to Brazil the week before, and (i) ..... (be) abroad when the burglary (j) ..... (take place).

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