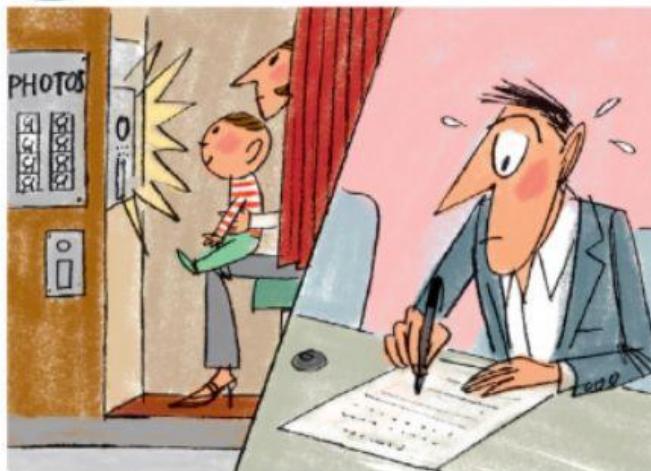


a Circle the correct verb form.



Meg and Liam McGowan <sup>1</sup>got / were getting a nasty surprise when they <sup>2</sup>had checked in / <sup>3</sup>were checking in at the airport yesterday with their baby Shaun. They <sup>2</sup>had won / <sup>4</sup>won three free plane tickets to Rome in a competition, and they <sup>3</sup>were looking forward to / <sup>5</sup>had been looking forward to their trip for months. But, unfortunately, they <sup>4</sup>had been forgetting / <sup>6</sup>had forgotten to get a passport for their son, so Shaun couldn't fly. Luckily, they <sup>5</sup>had arrived / <sup>7</sup>were arriving very early for their flight, so they still had time to do something about it. They <sup>6</sup>had run / <sup>8</sup>ran to the police station in the airport to apply for an emergency passport. Meg <sup>7</sup>was going / <sup>9</sup>went with Shaun to the photo machine while Liam <sup>8</sup>had filled in / <sup>10</sup>was filling in the forms. The passport was ready in an hour, so they <sup>9</sup>hurried / <sup>11</sup>were hurrying to the gate and <sup>10</sup>got / <sup>12</sup>had got on the plane.

b Put the verb in parentheses in the past perfect simple (*had done*) or continuous (*had been doing*). If you think both are possible, use the continuous form.

His English was very good. He *'d been learning* it for five years. (learn)

- I was really fed up because we  in line for hours. (wait)
- She went to the police to report that someone  her bag. (steal)
- It  all morning. The streets were wet, and there were puddles everywhere. (rain)
- She got to work late because she  her phone at home and  go back and get it. (leave, have to)
- I almost didn't recognize Tony at the party. He  a lot since I last saw him. (change)
- The tourists' faces were very red. They  in the sun all morning and they  any sunscreen. (sit, not put on)
- I could see from their expressions that my parents  (argue)
- Junko had a bandage on her arm because she  off her bike that morning. (fall)
- I was amazed because I  such an enormous plane before. (never see)
- How long  before you realized that you were lost? (walk)

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