

a Circle the correct verb form.



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

1 I was really fed up because we had been waiting in line for hours. (wait)

2 She went to the police to report that someone had stolen her bag. (steal)

3 It had been raining all morning. The streets were wet, and there were puddles everywhere. (rain)

4 She got to work late because she had left her phone at home and had to go back and get it. (leave, have to)

5 I almost didn't recognize Tony at the party. He had changed a lot since I last saw him. (change)

6 The tourists' faces were very red. They had been sitting in the sun all morning and they hadn't put on any sunscreen. (sit, not put on)

7 I could see from their expressions that my parents had been arguing. (argue)

8 Junko had a bandage on her arm because she had fallen off her bike that morning. (fall)

9 I was amazed because I had never seen such an enormous plane before. (never see)

10 How long had you been walking before you realized that you were lost? (walk)

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