3 Decide if the verb form underlined is correct or not. If it is correct, write a tick (✓). If not, correct it.

Text 1

The train (1) ground to a halt at a small station miles from London, and it (2) became apparent that it (3) had broken down. Everyone (4) was getting their cases down from the luggage racks, and we (5) were waiting on the platform in the freezing wind for hours until the next train (6) was turning up.

1 ✓ 3 ..... 5 .....
2 ..... 4 ..... 6 .....

Text 2

The mysterious disappearance of Professor Dawson (1) was on Inspector Gorse's mind. Six months before the Professor's disappearance, he (2) was receiving a letter from Jean Dawson, the Professor's wife. In the letter, Jean (3) accused her husband of plotting to murder her. Gorse (4) considered his next step when the phone rang. It was Sergeant Adams from the Thames Valley police force. A fisherman (5) discovered a body in the river, and it (6) fitted the description of the Professor.

1 ..... 3 ..... 5 .....
2 ..... 4 ..... 6 .....

4 Complete the text with a suitable past tense form of the verbs in brackets.

This time last year I (1) ~~was cycling~~... (cycle) in the rain along a country road in France with a friend of mine. We (2) ..... (decide) to go on a cycling holiday in Normandy. Neither of us (3) ..... (be) to France before, but we (4) ..... (know) some French from our time at school and we (5) ..... (manage) to brush up on the basics. Now we (6) ..... (wonder) if we (7) ..... (make) the right decision. We (8) ..... (plan) our route carefully in advance, but we (9) ..... (forget) one important thing: the weather. It (10) ..... (rain) solidly since our arrival and that night we (11) ..... (end up) sleeping in the waiting room at a railway station. Then the next morning as we (12) ..... (ride) down a steep hill my bike (13) ..... (skid) on the wet road and I (14) ..... (fall off). I (15) ..... (realize) immediately that I (16) ..... (break) my arm, and after a visit to the local hospital I (17) ..... (catch) the next train to Calais for the ferry home. Unfortunately my parents (18) ..... (not/expect) me home for a fortnight, and (19) ..... (go) away on holiday. So I (20) ..... (spend) a miserable couple of weeks alone, reading 'Teach Yourself French'.

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3 **Put each verb given into the past simple, past continuous or past perfect. More than one answer may be possible.**

The police suspected that Brian (1) ..had broken.. (break) the window at his house because he (2) ..... (want) to make them think that a burglar (3) ..... (steal) his valuable stamp collection. They (4) ..... (think) that Brian (5) ..... (do) this because he (6) ..... (need) the money. However, they (7) ..... (not know) that Brian (8) ..... (fly) to Brazil the week before, and (9) ..... (be) abroad when the burglary (10) ..... (take place).

4 **Complete each sentence using *would* or *used to* and the verb in brackets. More than one answer may be possible.**

1 Jack (have) ..used to have.. a beard but he shaved it off.
2 My mother (read) ..... to me every night.
3 In the holidays we (meet) ..... at the beach every morning.
4 I (not like) ..... spinach, but now I do.
5 Helen (write) ..... to me often, but now she phones.
6 Tina (live) ..... in the house opposite.
7 When I was young, the summers (be) ..... warmer.
8 Whenever our teacher let us leave early, we (cheer) ..... !

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