D Complete using the past perfect simple or past perfect continuous of the verbs in the box. You may need to use a negative form.

eat • stay • wait • know • write • see • listen • get • have • run

1 By the time he died, Beethoven ..... nine symphonies.
2 We chose the Hotel Rio because we ..... there before.
3 We ..... for over an hour when the train finally arrived.
4 I was completely out of breath because I ..... .
5 I ..... the film before, so I knew how it ended.
6 When he got married, I ..... Chris for about two years.
7 Johnson ..... ready for the race for six months and finally the big moment came.
8 Vivian ..... computer lessons for very long so she wasn't sure how to use the Internet.
9 Holly ..... oysters before, so she wasn't sure what to do with them.
10 I ..... to my new CD for a few minutes when the CD player started making a funny noise.

E Choose the correct answer.

1 My brother and I ..... swimming almost every day last summer.
A went
B had been going
C were going
D had gone

2 We ..... when someone knocked at the door.
A talked
B had talked
C were talking
D were talked

3 When the robbery happened, the security guard ..... !
A slept
B was sleeping
C had slept
D was slept

4 Jack ..... chess before so I showed him what to do.
A hadn't been playing
B didn't play
C wasn't playing
D hadn't played

5 I wasn't sure how Belinda would react because I ..... her long.
A didn't know
B wasn't knowing
C hadn't been knowing
D hadn't known

6 Ian ..... at the factory long when he was made a manager.
A hadn't been working
B wasn't working
C didn't work
D wasn't worked

7 I wanted to say goodbye to Jerry, but he ..... .
A was already left
B already left
C had already been leaving
D had already left

8 When we got to the airport, I realised I ..... my passport at home!
A was left
B had left
C left
D had been leaving

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F Circle the incorrect words or phrases and rewrite them correctly.

1 I had paint on my shoes because I'd painted my bedroom all morning.
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2 I missed the start of the film because I buy popcorn.
.....

3 It was obvious that Bill has worked because he was very tired when I saw him.
.....

4 We had been tidying the garden for hours and I was needing a rest.
.....

5 When the bus was arriving, we missed it because we were talking.
.....

6 During the Christmas holiday, I was eating too much and watching too much TV!
.....

7 Julian was learning all about computer games by the time he was six.
.....

8 My grandfather was owning a hotel by the beach until he sold it last year.
.....

G Circle the correct word or phrase.

1 When she was a girl, my mum **would / used to** live in a village.
2 I really can't **be / get** used to having a new baby brother.
3 People **would / are used to** die of diseases in the past that we can cure today.
4 There **would / used to** be a cinema on this corner, but they knocked it down.
5 It was strange at first, but I'm used to **play / playing** the bagpipes now.
6 Didn't you **use to / be used to** have blonde hair?
7 Christopher was **being / getting** used to the idea of joining the army.
8 People never **would / used to** be so worried about crime in this area.

H Complete each second sentence using the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Write between two and five words in each gap.

1 People walked more fifty years ago than they do now. **would**
Fifty years ago, ... than they do now.

2 My parents wouldn't let me stay out late when I was young. **used**
My parents ..... let me stay out late when I was young.

3 Did you know that Carol played basketball for her country? **to**
Did you know that Carol ..... basketball for her country?

4 Sending messages around the world instantly is no longer unusual. **got**
We ..... messages around the world instantly.

5 When he was a teacher, my dad often used to get home quite late. **would**
When he was a teacher, my dad ..... quite late.

6 Do you think you could learn to live without your mobile phone? **used**
Do you think you could ..... without your mobile phone?

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