3 Happy holidays?

Grammar

Past simple, past continuous, past perfect simple and past perfect continuous

1 Read these sentences about an overnight train journey from London to Switzerland and put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or the past continuous.



1 By the time the train ...left... (*leave*), it ...was getting... (*get*) dark.
2 I ... (*still look*) for my seat when the train ... (*stop*) for the first time.
3 I ... (*meet*) a family from Scotland, who ... (*go*) to a wedding in France.
4 In the evening I ... (*sit*) in the buffet. I ... (*not eat*) much but I ... (*talk*) to some interesting people.
5 When I ... (*wake up*) in the morning, we ... (*travel*) through the vineyards.
6 As soon as we ... (*cross*) the border, I ... (*begin*) to feel excited.
7 When we ... (*reach*) the mountains, we ... (*know*) our journey was almost over.
8 The train ... (*arrive*) late and my friends ... (*not wait*) for me so I ... (*take*) a taxi to their flat.

2 For each gap, choose a verb from the box and put it into the past perfect or the past perfect continuous.

feel forget own stand up try ~~wait~~

1 The crowd ...had been waiting... for over an hour for the match to begin.
2 We ... to open the door for five minutes when Ali found her key.
3 When he died, my grandfather ... the business for more than 50 years.
4 David ... unwell for a few days so he went to the doctor's.
5 Katrina was really angry with me because I ... to tell her the change of plan.
6 I was really pleased to sit down as I ... at work all day.

3 For each gap, put the verb in brackets into the past simple, past continuous, past perfect simple or past perfect continuous.

Last week I **(1)** ...went... (*go*) to the mountains with my cousins. None of us **(2)** ... (*ever ski*) before so we **(3)** ... (*look*) forward to it for months. While we **(4)** ... (*drive*) to the airport, it **(5)** ... (*start*) to snow and we were really excited. But when we **(6)** ... (*get*) off the plane in the mountains, there **(7)** ... (*not be*) any snow at all. Everyone there **(8)** ... (*say*) it was too warm for snow. We **(9)** ... (*go*) to bed feeling sad that we wouldn't be able to ski. But when we **(10)** ... (*get*) up the next morning and **(11)** ... (*look*) out of the window we realised that it **(12)** ... (*snow*) all night and we would be able to ski after all.

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at, *in* and *on* in time phrases

4 Complete each gap in the email with *at*, *in* or *on*.

Dear Antonio

I'm glad you're visiting me **(1)** ...in... the summer but it's better if you come **(2)** ..... August rather than September because I start college again **(3)** ..... 12th September. I'm so looking forward to the holidays. I have to get up early **(4)** ..... weekdays in term time because the bus to college leaves **(5)** ..... 7.30. But I get up late **(6)** ..... Saturdays and **(7)** ..... the afternoon I meet my friends. I always play football **(8)** ..... Sunday mornings so I get up quite early then too. **(9)** ..... the holidays I spend a lot of time on the beach. Sometimes we don't come home till quite late **(10)** ..... night as it's really hot here and it's better to be outside.

Can't wait to see you again.

Luke

Vocabulary

Suffixes

1 EP Make adjectives from the nouns in brackets.

1 The shop assistant wasn't very ...friendly... so I left without buying anything. (*friend*)
2 Keep away from that ..... snake. (*poison*)
3 Greta is doing ..... research. (*science*)
4 It's a bit ..... to drink that water. (*risk*)
5 It's really hard to be ..... when you don't have much money. (*fashion*)
6 The children are so ..... . (*energy*)
7 The film had a very ..... ending. (*drama*)
8 My family aren't very ..... when we go on holiday. (*adventure*)
9 I live near a big ..... city. (*industry*)
10 Ali is very selfish and ..... . (*thought*)
11 Adam is very ..... and always wants to be the best at everything. (*competition*)
12 It's ..... to feel a bit worried before a long journey abroad. (*nature*)

Travel words

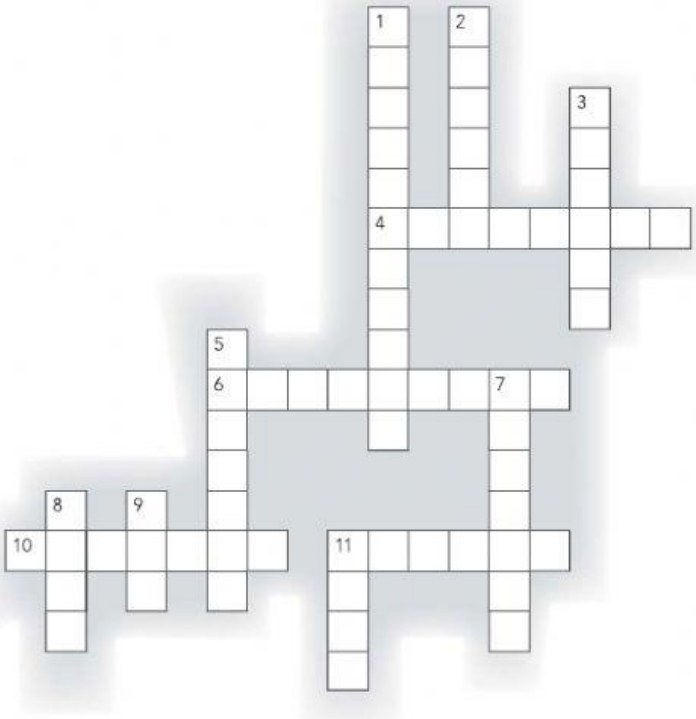
2 EP Complete the crossword puzzle.

Across

4 I enjoyed trying different watersports on our ..... holiday.
6 It was too far to go for the day so we stayed ..... .
10 Before people flew, they had to make long ..... across the sea to get from Europe to America.
11 Air ..... has become increasingly popular as it has got cheaper.

Down

1 ..... is very popular with young people who want to see the world.
2 If you don't get to the airport in good time, you might miss your ..... .
3 On Vancouver waterfront you see lots of ..... ships which are going to Alaska.
5 It's only a two-hour train ..... from Brussels to London.
7 The cheapest places to stay are youth ..... .
8 We didn't have much time so we went on a sightseeing ..... with a guide.
9 We took a wrong turning on our ..... home and got lost.
11 The round ..... from home to the supermarket and back took two hours because of the traffic.



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