4 Match the sentences (1–12) with the correct description (a–l).

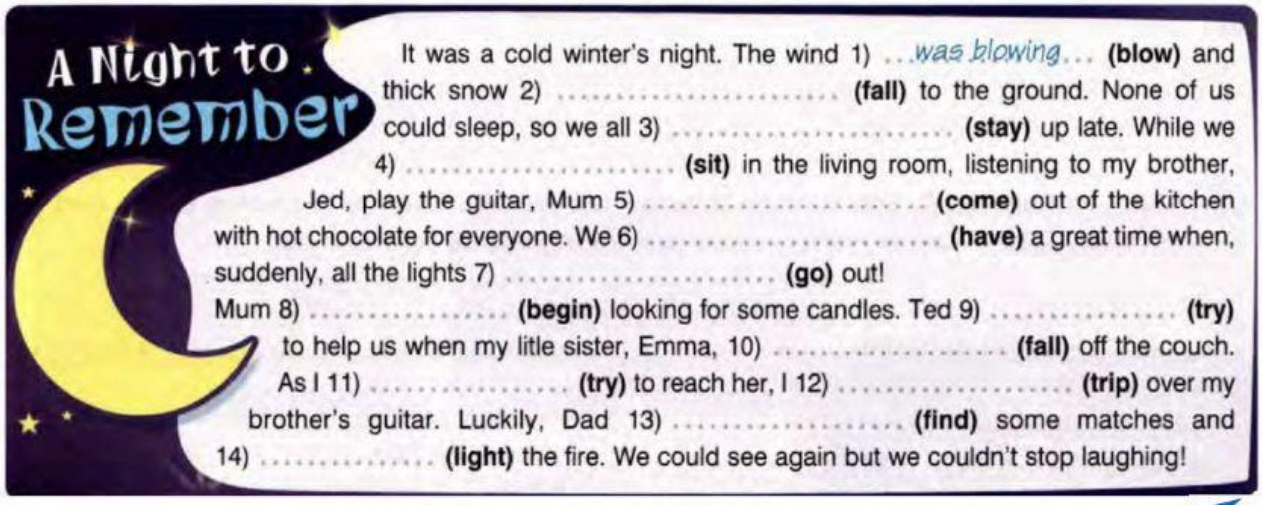
1 It was raining and the wind was blowing.
2 He was exhausted because he had been walking all day.
3 There was no milk left because Jack had drunk it all.
4 She had finished by 8 o'clock.
5 The storm broke out after we had been driving for four hours.
6 He got into the car, started the engine and drove away.
7 The party had already started by the time I arrived.
8 Heath Ledger died in 2008.
9 I was cycling to work when I fell off my bike.
10 The Beatles made lots of records.
11 I was sleeping at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.
12 She had been trying to find a job in Hollywood for years before she moved to Miami.

a past equivalent of the Present Perfect
b action that was in progress at a stated past time
c past actions which happened one after the other
d action which is not connected with the present and happened at a definite past time not mentioned
e background description to events in a story
f emphasis on the duration of an action which started and finished in the past before another past action or a stated time in the past
g past equivalent of the Present Perfect Continuous
h past action which occurred before another action
i past action in progress interrupted by another
j past action which occurred before a stated time in the past
k event which happened at a stated past time
l past action of certain duration which had visible results in the past

1 ...e...	3	5	7	9	11 .....
2	4	6	8	10	12 .....

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7 **Put the verbs in brackets into the *past simple* or the *past continuous*.**



It was a cold winter's night. The wind 1) ...*was blowing*... **(blow)** and thick snow 2) ..... **(fall)** to the ground. None of us could sleep, so we all 3) ..... **(stay)** up late. While we 4) ..... **(sit)** in the living room, listening to my brother, Jed, play the guitar, Mum 5) ..... **(come)** out of the kitchen with hot chocolate for everyone. We 6) ..... **(have)** a great time when, suddenly, all the lights 7) ..... **(go)** out!
Mum 8) ..... **(begin)** looking for some candles. Ted 9) ..... **(try)** to help us when my litle sister, Emma, 10) ..... **(fall)** off the couch. As I 11) ..... **(try)** to reach her, I 12) ..... **(trip)** over my brother's guitar. Luckily, Dad 13) ..... **(find)** some matches and 14) ..... **(light)** the fire. We could see again but we couldn't stop laughing!

LIVEWORKSHEETS

9 **Fill in the gaps using the *past perfect continuous* form of the verbs below.**

~~look~~ drive search try play work



1 They *had been looking* for a house for ages before they finally found one they liked.



2 Jim and Emma were happy. They ..... computer games all afternoon.



3 Chris finally found the perfect guitar after he ..... all morning.



4 They ..... for three hours before they stopped to look at the map.



5 Kevin was stressed. He ..... to solve the Maths problem for over an hour.



6 Max had a headache because he ..... on his computer for hours.

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10 **Put the verbs in brackets into the *past perfect* or the *past perfect continuous*.**

1 A: Why didn't you have some dessert?
B: I ...had eaten... **(eat)** too much already.

2 A: How long ..... **(you/live)** in Brazil before you moved here?
B: About 10 years.

3 A: Did you watch the comedy on Channel 4 yesterday?
B: No. It ..... **(finish)** by the time I got home.

4 A: Was she there when you arrived?
B: No, she .... **(already/leave)**.

5 A: Why was Brad so exhausted last night?
B: He ..... **(work)** since 9 o'clock in the morning.

6 A: What did he think of the photo exhibition?
B: He loved it. He said he ..... **(never/see)** such beautiful photos before.

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11 **Make as many sentences as possible by combining the phrases in the columns and the appropriate time word.**

1	She went to bed	when	a	Nadia was laying the table.
2	Ted was making lunch	while	b	she was drying them.
3	Jim was reading	and	c	all her guests had left.
4	Sally went to the bank	after	d	he had lost his job.
5	I was washing the dishes	because	e	withdrew some money.
6	He was very depressed		f	the doorbell rang.

1 ...c..(after).....
2 .....
3 .....
4 .....
5 .....
6 .....

LIVEWORKSHEETS

12 **Put the verbs in brackets into the correct past form.**

Holiday Trouble

I remember the first time I 1) went (**go**) abroad on holiday. I 2) ..... (**just/leave**) school. I 3) ..... (**study**) very hard for my final exams and I 4) ..... (**feel**) that I needed to get away. A friend of mine 5) ..... (**want**) to go away as well, so we 6) ..... (**decide**) to look at some brochures at a travel agent's. We 7) ..... (**search**) for about an hour when my friend 8) ..... (**find**) the perfect holiday – two weeks in Cuba. We 9) ..... (**be**) very excited about it. Finally, the day of our holiday 10) ..... (**arrive**). We 11) ..... (**just/leave**) the house when the phone 12) ..... (**ring**). I 13) ..... (**run**) back into the house but the phone 14) ..... (**stop**) by the time I 15) ..... (**reach**) it. When we 16) ..... (**get**) to the airport, we 17) ..... (**check**) in and 18) ..... (**go**) to the cafeteria. While we were having our coffee, the airline 19) ..... (**make**) an announcement. Our flight was delayed for eight hours. It was then that I 20) ..... (**realise**) what the phone call was about.

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13 Choose the correct answer.

1 By 2008, Katie ..... six countries in Europe.
A had already been visiting
B was already visiting
C already visited
D had already visited

2 The children were cold. They ..... in the snow all afternoon.
A had played
B had been playing
C were playing
D played

3 This time last week, I ..... an exam.
A sat
B had sat
C had been sitting
D was sitting

4 Lucy was gardening ..... Adam was painting the kitchen.
A when
B as soon as
C after
D while

5 Paul ..... an expensive mountain bike last year.
A was buying
B had bought
C bought
D had been buying

6 He ..... tennis every day during the summer holidays.
A is playing
B had played
C had been playing
D played

7 While Matthew was fixing the window, he ..... off the ladder.
A fell
B was falling
C had fallen
D had been falling

8 It was a chilly evening. A strong wind ..... and clouds were covering the sky.
A was blowing
B blew
C had blown
D had been blowing

9 They ..... for three hours before they found the house.
A have walked
B had been walking
C walked
D are walking

10 By the time they arrived at the beach, it ..... to rain.
A was starting
B started
C had started
D had been starting

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Homework

Listen and choose the correct answer

The bus was late because ____.

- it was involved in an accident
- the bus driver got sick
- the traffic was terrible

The man grew up in _____.

- Texas
- New York City
- Nevada

The woman wants to go to _____ on her trip.

- Chicago
- Las Vegas
- Miami

The woman realizes that _____.

- the bus isn't going to her destination
- the bus driver isn't paying attention to the road
- she and the man are distant cousins

The bus is going to make its next stop in _____.

- two hours
- three hours
- one hour

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