

**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

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



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

## A Night to Remember



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 little 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!



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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.



**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.





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

- 1 She went to bed
- 2 Ted was making lunch
- 3 Jim was reading
- 4 Sally went to the bank
- 5 I was washing the dishes
- 6 He was very depressed

when  
while  
and  
after  
because

- a Nadia was laying the table.
- b she was drying them.
- c all her guests had left.
- d he had lost his job.
- e withdrew some money.
- f the doorbell rang.

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



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.



**13 Choose the correct answer.**

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



## 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

