

1 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

- 1 I *was getting off*/*got off* the train when I dropped my suitcase.
- 2 I noticed a mark on the door while I *was cleaning*/*cleaned* the car.
- 3 We *were cycling*/*cycled* to the river and had a picnic on the grass.
- 4 After the test, I *was having*/*had* a short chat with my teacher.
- 5 While my dad was reversing the car, he *was hitting*/*hit* the rubbish bin in our garden!

2 Choose the best answer (A, B or C) to complete the text.

Today has been a disaster! It started badly in the morning and then just got worse! I had a shower and there wasn't any hot water. It was freezing! After I (1) _____ my cold shower, I made breakfast. I decided to make some toast. A mistake! I forgot that I (2) _____ the bread under the grill and by the time I (3) _____ it had already burnt! So I made some coffee, but while I (4) _____ the coffee the phone rang and I dropped the mug. By the time I found my phone, it (5) _____ ringing. That was only breakfast time!

- 1 A took B have taken C had taken
- 2 A put B have put C had put
- 3 A remembered B remembering C had remembered
- 4 A made B was making C had made
- 5 A stopped B have stopped C had stopped

3 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple, past continuous and the past perfect.

- 1 I had breakfast after I _____ up. (get)
- 2 I _____ eating vegetables when I was young. (not enjoy)
- 3 When I had cleaned the car, we _____ for a drive. (go)
- 4 While he _____ the film, Nick felt ill and had to leave. (make)
- 5 _____ spinach when you were a child? (you/like)
- 6 When the lesson ended, I _____ all the exercises. (do)
- 7 We looked for witnesses, but the neighbours _____ Tootles in the act. (not see)
- 8 When the accident happened, the man _____ very fast. (drive)
- 9 _____ home when you saw them? (they / walk)
- 10 They _____ while I was out. (not / study)