

PAST TENSES

Choose the correct item.

Nick a book when I saw him last night.

- A** read **C** was reading
B had read **D** used to read

! Julie by the seaside when she was younger.

- A** was living **C** would live
B used to live **D** had lived

They couldn't get a hotel room because they
in advance.

- A** wouldn't book **C** hadn't booked
B hadn't been booking **D** weren't booking

↓ A strong wind when we got to the beach.

- A** was blowing **C** used to blow
B had blown **D** would blow

5 Nelson for seven hours non-stop and was exhausted.

- A** had been driving **C** has driven
B has been driving **D** is driving

6 A storm while they were swimming in the pool.

- A** would break **C** was breaking
B breaks **D** broke

7 Barney's family a seaside resort.

- A** would own **C** used to own
B was owning **D** is owning

8 Tom to the gym every day when he was younger.

- A** had gone **C** has been going
B was going **D** used to go

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct past form.

- 1 A: What *were you and John arguing* (**you and John/argue**) about when I came home last night?
B: He (**leave**) the bathroom tap running the whole day again and the bathroom (**flood**).
- 2 A: I'm surprised that you (**find**) the way to the mountain cabin so easily.
B: That's because while Jason (**drive**) I (**look at**) the map and I (**give**) him directions.
- 3 A: (**you/tape**) the documentary on the Victoria Falls for me last night?
B: Sorry, it (**already/finish**) by the time I got home.
- 4 A: How (**you/ manage**) to catch such a nasty cold?
B: Well, two days ago, I (**stand**) in the rain for twenty minutes before I found a taxi to go home.

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Lucy 1) *had been waiting* (wait) for the opportunity to enjoy a luxurious break for years. One morning she 2) (listen) to the radio when she 3) (hear) about a competition where the first prize was a trip to Barbados. Lucy 4) (never/enter) a radio competition before, but a few weeks later, as she 5) (drive) to work, she found out that she 6) (win)!

Unfortunately, the holiday 7) (not/go) as well as Lucy 8) (hope). The five-star hotel that the competition 9) (promise) turned out to be a dirty neglected place with extremely rude staff. On the first day of her stay, she 10) (get) food poisoning and on the second day she 11) (have) her credit card stolen. On top of that, it 12) (rain) all day the whole time she was there so there was no question of going to the beach. Lucy could not have been more disappointed.