Read some anecdotes about Albert Einstein and choose the right tense.

1. One day Gilbert Murray *saw / had seen* Einstein, who *sat / was sitting* in the garden of Christ Church, Oxford. The exiled scientist *was / had been* deep in thought, with a serene and cheerful expression on his face. Murray *asked / was asking* him what he *thought / was thinking* about.

"I am thinking that, after all, this is a very small star," Einstein *answered / had answered*.

2. In 1931 Charlie Chaplin *invited / was inviting* Albert Einstein, who *visited / was visiting* Hollywood, to a private screening of his new film "City Lights". As the two men *were driving / had been driving* into town together, passersby *waved / had been waving* and *cheered / had been cheering*. Chaplin *turned / had turned* to his guest and *explained / had explained*:

"The people are applauding you because none of them understands you and applauding me because everybody understands me."

3. Shortly after the publication of Einstein's general theory of relativity in 1915, the Russian mathematician Alexander Friedmann *was / had been* surprised to discover that Einstein *din't notice / had not noticed* a remarkable prediction made by his equations: that the universe is expanding. This prediction *was / had been* later confirmed by observations made by Edwin Hubble in the 1920s.

Einstein *made / had made* a silly mistake in his calculations: he *was dividing / had divided* by zero.

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