GRAMMAR past tenses

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the past simple, past continuous, or past perfect.

1 We were late. When we *arrived* (arrive), everyone else *had finished* (finish) their lunch and they *were sitting* (sit) in the garden having coffee.

2 They _____ (drive) to the airport when they suddenly _____ (remember) that they _____ (not turn off) the lights.

3 The match _____ (already / start) when we _____ (turn on) the TV. England _____ (lose) and they _____ (play) very badly.

4 I _____ (not recognize) many people at my old school reunion because everyone _____ (change) a lot in twenty years.

5 My sister _____ (wait) to go out for dinner yesterday when her boyfriend _____ (call) her to say that he _____ (not can) come because his car _____ (break down).

6 Manchester City _____ (beat) Manchester United yesterday. United _____ (win) 1–0 in the first half, but City _____ (score) two goals in the second half.

7 He _____ (run) to the station, but the nine o'clock train _____ (already / leave). The station was empty except for two people who _____ (wait) for the next train.

8 It _____ (start) raining when I _____ (walk) to work. I _____ (call) a taxi because I _____ (not wear) a coat and I _____ (not have) an umbrella.

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