

Mixed verb forms

4a Complete the text with the present, past or past perfect of the verbs in brackets. Use either the simple or continuous form. There may be more than one possibility.



The Beatles' famous audition for Decca records (1) _____ (take place) in London in 1962. Decca's representative, Smith, (2) _____ (already/see) the band perform and arranged a recording session at Decca's London studio. After driving down from Liverpool on 1st January, the band (3) _____ (arrive) just before their audition was due to take place because it (4) _____ (snow) heavily all the way down the motorway. To make matters worse, Smith then (5) _____ (turn up) late because he (6) _____ (celebrate) New Year's Eve the night before.

After the Beatles (7) _____ (record) around 15 songs, Decca rejected them on the grounds that 'guitar groups are on their way out.' The Beatles then (8) _____ (go on) to become the most popular group in history and 50 years later, people (9) _____ (still/buy) their music.