Choose the most suitable verb form in each sentence.

a) Their new house **hasn't been finished / wasn't finished** yet.

b) The robbers **were arrested / have been arrested** as soon as they left the bank.

c) Sue told us her baby **is born / had been born** two weeks earlier than expected.

d) If there is too much snow, the match **has been cancelled / will be cancelled**.

e) By the time we got there, the rain **had stopped / had been stopped**.

f) When **were you told / have you been told** about the new rules?

g) Most of the passengers **were swimming / were swum** easily to the shore.

h) The winning horse **was ridden / was riding** by Pat Murphy.

i) I looked again for the old man, but he **was vanished / had vanished**.

j) I don't think that you **will be asked / are being asked** to show your passport.

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Decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

The stolen bike

One morning last week I realised that my bike (1) ___ from my garden. I phoned the police and two officers called at my house the next day. They (2) ___ me if I had seen or heard anything. I told (3)___ I had been out that evening, and hadn't noticed anything suspicious when I came home. 'If I had seen anything, I (4) ____ you,' I replied. 'It was raining hard too. If the weather (5) ___ so bad, I would have ridden my bike.' The officers told me that lots of people (6) ___ their bikes stolen lately. 'The thieves (7) ____ to have put the bikes in a van,' said one of the officers. 'I (8) ___ I had known about that,' I said. 'I saw a black van that evening. In fact, it (9) ___ opposite my house.' The officers asked me what the van's number (10) ___ , but I couldn't remember. '(11) ___ you saw the van again, (12) ____ you recognise it?' one of them asked. 'It (13) ____ painting. I remember that,' I replied. However, there was a happy ending to this story. After the officers had left, I (14)___ by a friend of mine. 'By the way', she said, '(15)_____ you want your bike, I'll bring it back this afternoon. I borrowed it a couple of days ago.'

A had	B had been	C had had itself	D had not
A reminded	B questioned	C told	D asked
A them	B that	C if	D later
A called	B would	C had called	D would have called
A wasn't	B wouldn't be	C hadn't been	D wouldn't have been
A had	B had had	C had to have	D hadn't
A think	B are thought	C have thought	D are thinking
A would	B realise	C wish	D thought
A was parked	B had parking	C is parked	D has parked
A is	B was	C had	D wrote
A If	B When	C Remember	D Suppose
A do	B can	C would	D if
A needed	B had been	C looked like	D seemed
A called up	B was phoned	C had a phone call	D heard some news
A unless	B if only	C if	D as long as

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Put each verb in brackets into a suitable verb form.

The facts about sugar

Packet sugar from the supermarket (1) _____ (extract) from either sugar cane or sugar beet. These products (2) (mix) _____with hot water, which (3) _____ (dissolve) their natural sugar. Sugar (4) _____ (also find) in fruit some of which, such as dates and grapes, (5) _____ (contain) very high amounts of sugar. To be a little more specific, sugar should (6) _____ (call) sucrose. Sucrose (7) _____ (make up) of two substances: glucose, which (8) _____ (use) for instant energy, and fructose, which (9) _____ (last) longer as a source of energy. The sugar in fruit is mainly fructose. So when we (10) _____ (eat) fruit, we (11) _____ (also eat) quite large amounts of natural sugar. Some scientists (12) _____ (believe) that too much sugar (13)_____ (eat) in sweets, cake and biscuits. It _____ (14) (say) to be generally bad for the health, although nothing (15) _____ (definitely prove) so far. However, it (16) _____ (known) that sugar (17) _____ (cause) tooth decay. As one expert put it: 'If other foods (18) _____ (damage) our body as much as sugar (19) _____ (damage) our teeth, they (20) _____ (ban) immediately'

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