

Read the following story and complete it with the correct words from the box. Then listen and check.

been / were / had / slept/ been travelling / 'd had / started / had to

Last year's conference in Oslo was very interesting. About two days before it _____¹, we checked into this beautiful hotel. We _____² come all the way from Rio De Janeiro, so we had _____³ for almost two days. We were all exhausted. We _____⁴ some problems in Washington DC. The plane had _____⁵ too full, so we'd _____⁶ catch a later one. Fortunately, the beds at the hotel in Oslo _____⁷ really comfortable, so we all _____⁸ really well on the first night.

Part A: Complete the second part of the story with the Past Simple, the Past Continuous, the Past Perfect or the Past Perfect Continuous of the verb in brackets. Remember you may need to use a negative for it to make sense. There may be more than one option for the gaps. Then, listen and check your answers.

On the first morning, I _____¹ (have) breakfast with Juliana when Hans _____² (join) us and told us that the presentation we _____³ (prepare) before we left had been deleted from his computer. He didn't understand what had happened. I didn't have a copy of it and neither did Juliana. Our presentation was scheduled for the first day of the conference. So as soon as we _____⁴ (finish) breakfast, the three of us started creating the presentation all over again. Fortunately, we were able to remember all of it, but we _____⁵ still _____⁵ (work) until almost midnight that day. We _____⁶ (plan) to take some time to look around Oslo instead of working, but we spent all day in my room preparing the presentation again instead. When the conference started, we all _____⁷ (feel) really nervous, but the presentation went really well. After we finished, a few of our customers came over and said that they _____⁸ really _____⁸ (enjoy) it. Our manager emailed us to tell us he had heard that it went really well and that some new customers had contacted him asking about our products. We _____⁹ (expect) to hear such good news. We decided to leave early on the third day of the conference and go and have a meal in Oslo to celebrate.

Part B: Now, decide if the following statements about the story are true (T) or false (F).

1. They went to Washington DC before they went to Oslo. _____
2. Hans was the last person to arrive for breakfast. _____
3. They went to look around Oslo on the first day there. _____
4. They met some customers before the presentation. _____
5. The presentation was a success. _____