

Complete the sentences with the past perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Louisa realised that she (not see) her cousin for over a year.
- 2 Ben got lost because he (not ask) for directions before he left.
- 3 Everyone had to leave the area because the storm (cause) a lot of damage.
- 4 I couldn't believe what I (just/hear) on the news report.
- 5 After they (finish) their picnic, they picked up all their rubbish and went home.
- 6 Alex couldn't call his mum because he (forget) to charge his mobile.

Choose the correct verb forms to complete the sentences.

- 1 A few summers ago I **saw** / **had seen** a TV programme about orienteering.
- 2 I **didn't hear** / **hadn't heard** of it before but I thought it looked exciting.
- 3 I really wanted to try it because I **spent** / **had spent** a lot of time at the park as a child.
- 4 She **recently ran** / **'d recently run** a half-marathon, so I knew she was the right teammate.
- 5 After we'd put our boots and stuff in the car, we **drove** / **had driven** to a nearby forest.
- 6 Once we **worked** / **'d worked** out the quickest way, we ran faster.
- 7 We **were** / **had been** pleased when we got to the finish line.
- 8 When they announced the winners, we found out that we **won** / **had won**!

Our first festival

My friends and I ¹ (decide) to go to Latitude after we'd read a review about it. We wanted to do something different and we ² (not go) a festival before. We booked our tickets online and downloaded a list of things to take that the organisers ³ (put) on the website. My backpack ⁴ (be) really heavy because my mum had given me lots of food! We travelled with hundreds of other teenagers who ⁵ (buy) tickets for the festival. At the campsite, it took ages to put up our tent because we ⁶ (not pack) the instructions. It was exhausting! At last, we were ready. There were poetry classes, art exhibitions, dance demonstrations and lots more. Finally, we ⁷ (arrive) at the stage where my favourite singer ⁸ (just/start) his performance. He was amazing!

Complete the article with the past simple or past perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

Being a tourist in my own town



Last weekend my mum and I decided to be tourists in our own town because we ¹ (not visit) any of the tourist attractions in the area before. We read some reviews to find out what places visitors ² (enjoy) the most. We then put together a list of things to do. On the first day, we ³ (go) to the biggest art gallery in the area. Before we got there, we ⁴ (not realise) how many amazing paintings we'd see there! We really enjoyed it.

The next morning, we ⁵ (take) a guided tour of the city. The guide knew a lot about the different buildings because he ⁶ (be) an architect when he was younger. I didn't think I'd like it but I did. In the afternoon, we walked around the park and ⁷ (look) at the amazing sculptures there – I ⁸ (never/notice) them before. I think that's why it's good to be a tourist in your own town for a weekend. You see things you didn't know were there.

Choose the correct verb forms to complete the interview.
Are there any other examples of stative verbs in the text?



A Where did you go and why?

My grandparents are Mexican, but before this summer, I **'was not understanding / did not understand** much Spanish. So my brother and I **'were going / went** to my grandparents' house in Mexico to change that.

B How did you learn?

When we arrived, our grandparents **'were waiting / waited** to greet us at the airport in the town of Merida. We didn't use any books to learn Spanish, but we didn't need them. We **'were going / went** with our grandmother to the local market every day, where we **'were choosing / chose** something tasty for our dinner that day. One day, we **'were listening / listened** to Mexican songs on the radio while we **'were cooking / cooked** together, and I realised I could understand all the words!

C What did your grandfather teach you?

Most weekends we **'were exploring / explored** interesting places around town with my grandad. One day, he **'was shutting / shut** the car door on his finger. I **'was hearing / heard** him say a new word. 'What does that mean, Grandad?' I asked. 'You don't need to know that word,' he told me! I'm not bilingual yet, but I'm good at communicating in Spanish now.