Narrative tenses

4 Complete the story with one, two or no (–) auxiliary verbs.

1 It _____ raining hard when we climbed into our car.
2 The car was old, and we _____ had many problems with it.
3 We _____ driving down a deserted country road when it broke down.
4 My mother _____ tried to call for a tow truck but her cell phone battery was dead.
5 I'll admit I _____ felt scared at times before, but not this scared.
6 A truck finally approached, after we _____ sitting in the car for an hour.
7 As soon as the driver got out of his cab, I _____ ran to shake his hand.
8 I've never been more relieved to see a stranger than I _____ that night.

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in parentheses: past simple, past continuous, past perfect simple or past perfect continuous.

1 The customers finally _____ (leave) after they _____ (wait) for a table for twenty minutes.
2 While they _____ (drink) their coffee, the waiter _____ (interrupt) them with a surprise cake.
3 They _____ (finish) putting up the tent, looked up, and realized that someone, or something, _____ (steal) the chicken.
4 They _____ (finish) putting up the tent, and looked up to see that a bear _____ (steal) the chicken.
5 When I _____ (look) at my desk, I saw that I _____ (put) nearly all the letters into their envelopes.
6 When I _____ (look) at the clock, I saw that I _____ (put) letters into envelopes for two hours nonstop!
7 I _____ (finish) reading the book when I _____ (see) the movie, so I wasn't scared.
8 The thought of the roller coaster _____ (make) him feel sick but he _____ (pay) the entrance fee and _____ (climb) into a car anyway.
9 She _____ (live) in New York for several weeks and _____ (already visit) the museum twice, so she _____ (not want) to see it again.
10 We eventually _____ (arrive) home after we _____ (walk) around lost in the dark and rain for more than an hour.
11 Josh _____ (wash) the dishes when Jan finally _____ (turn up) for dinner, which _____ (finish) half an hour earlier.
12 So all the time Bill and Laura _____ (go out), Bill _____ (see) another woman at the same time?