

1 Underline the correct item.

- 1 The first Hilton Hotel opened/**was opening** in 1925.
- 2 I **checked into**/was checking into the hotel and **went**/was going straight to my room.
- 3 Jack **hiked**/was hiking in the forest when it **was starting**/started to rain.
- 4 Ben couldn't go for a jog because it **was drizzling**/drizzled.
- 5 While Sue **waited**/was waiting for the bus she **talked**/was talking on the phone.
- 6 It was a cold day. It **was snowing**/snowed and people **tried**/were trying to protect themselves from the freezing weather.
- 7 Before his accident, Liam **rode**/was riding his bike to work every day.

2 Put the verbs in brackets into the *past perfect* or the *past perfect continuous*.

- 1 Lisa had changed (**change**) her mind several times before choosing what to pack.
- 2 Kelly (**lie**) under the sun the whole morning and she was starting to get a sunburn.
- 3 Nathan (**not/renew**) his passport so it was out of date.
- 4 We (**walk**) around the city for hours before we finally found our hotel.
- 5 By the time they got to the port, their ship (**sail**).

3 Put the verbs in brackets into the *past perfect* or the *past perfect continuous*.

1 A: Were you happy to see Jane?

B: Absolutely! I *hadn't seen* (**not/see**) her since we were at school.

2 A: Was there any snow when you got to the ski resort?

B: Oh, yes. It (**snow**) for days and there was lots.

3 A: Did you find your dog?

B: Yes, he (**hide**) in the garden shed all that time.

4 A: Did you drive to the airport?

B: No, we (**book**) a radio taxi the night before.

5 A: Why was Sam home late yesterday?

B: Because he (**not/finish**) his work by 5:00 so he had to stay back at the office.

6 A: I went to bed exhausted last night!

B: No wonder! You (**clean**) the house the whole day.

4 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct *past form*.

1 A: What *were you and John arguing* (**you and John/argue**) about when I came home last night?

B: He (**leave**) the bathroom tap running the whole day again and the bathroom (**flood**).

2 A: I'm surprised that you (**find**) the way to the mountain cabin so easily.

B: That's because while Jason (**drive**) I (**look at**) the map and I (**give**) him directions.

3 A: (**you/tape**) the documentary on the Victoria Falls for me last night?

B: Sorry, it (**already/finish**) by the time I got home.

4 A: How (**you/ manage**) to catch such a nasty cold?

B: Well, two days ago, I (**stand**) in the rain for twenty minutes before I found a taxi to go home.