

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- 3 Nathan (**not/renew**) his passport so it was out of date.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.