UNIT 1 GRAMMAR: PLUS

1 Match the sentences (1–6) to the verb forms and their functions (A –F).

1 For some reason, Tania and Jon have always clashed with each other. *C*
2 Edna hadn't understood the instructions very well. _____
3 As a young child, I relied on my older siblings for help. _____
4 What were they really trying to find out about you? _____
5 Until he bought a bike, Subash had regularly been arriving late. _____
6 Terry has been working on his interpersonal skills. _____

A past simple – a completed past action
B past continuous – an action in progress at a point in the past
C present perfect simple – an action at an unspecified time in the past
D past perfect simple – a state that existed up to a point in the past
E present perfect continuous – an action that started in the past and continued up to now
F past perfect continuous – an action in progress up to a point in the past

2 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

1 *Did / (Have) / Were* you ever taken a personality test?
2 I looked at the clock and realised I *wasn't sleeping / hadn't slept / haven't slept* more than four hours.
3 I was the youngest in the class, so I *have / used to / use to* feel left out.
4 My mother *was working / has been working / had worked* in Chile last year.
5 We *was / have / had* been looking for our tent for hours and I was so tired.
6 This week I *used to ask / have been asking / had been asking* my friends to describe themselves for a school project.
7 Rebecca always asked him for help, but he *used to / was / would* never help her.

3 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. Use each word once. There is one extra word.

been	gaining	~~hadn't~~	has
use	used	wasn't	would

1 Fabian _____ *hadn't* _____ really trusted anyone until he met me.
2 I think my best friend _____ always been quite shy.
3 Until she lost in the final, Rose had been _____ in confidence with each match.
4 I'm really sorry. I _____ speaking to you.
5 I must confess, I didn't _____ to listen to other people's points of view.
6 On Sundays, my very talkative auntie _____ tell us stories all afternoon.
7 How long has your school _____ running a skating club?

4 Are the sentences correct (✔) or incorrect (✗)? Correct the mistakes.

1 He jumped, tripped and ~~has broken~~ *broke* his foot. *✗*
2 Did you use to watch a lot of cartoons when you were younger? _____
3 Every weekend until I was eight, my grandad will take us for an ice cream. _____
4 Last weekend I spend all of my pocket money. _____
5 Leroy has been training as a chef for six months. _____
6 Many scientists use to believe that in the 1970s. _____
7 So far, my sister is won four golf tournaments. She's amazing. _____

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1 Sorry, can you repeat that? I *wasn't listening* (not listen) to you.
2 Before my wallet went missing, Lea _____ (tell) me for weeks that Kris wasn't trustworthy.
3 I couldn't find my keys because my brother _____ (hide) them.
4 _____ you _____ (use to feel) different to the other kids when you were younger?
5 The boys _____ (play) rugby all afternoon. Do you think they'll stop soon?
6 Kelly got home and _____ (go) straight to sleep.
7 I _____ never _____ (be) able to relate to my sister; she's very different to me.

6 Match the questions (1–6) with the responses (A–F). Then complete the responses using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1 What were you doing at 8 pm last night? *D*
2 Why are your jeans so dirty? _____
3 What was the first thing you did when you woke up? _____
4 Why didn't Kieran speak very much back then? _____
5 Do you know where my umbrella is? _____
6 Why couldn't you print your essay? _____

A Because he _____ only _____ (learn) the language for two months.
B The printer _____ (run out) of toner.
C I _____ (try) to fix my bike all afternoon.
D I *was watching* (watch) TV.
E I'm sorry. I _____ (not see) it.
F I _____ (eat) breakfast.

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