1 Complete the sentences using the past perfect or past simple form of the verb pairs in the box.

arrive/leave	arrive/start	forget/start	get to/depart	look/leave	phone/wait	turn up/go

a By the time Jane _____ at work, the meeting _____.

b Jane _____ to switch off her mobile before the film _____!

c After she _____ for a taxi, she _____ outside.

d But when she _____ at the bus stop, the bus _____ just _____.

e But by the time she _____, everyone _____ already _____ home.

f When she _____ the train station, the train _____ already _____.

g When Jane _____ in her bag, she realised she _____ her laptop at home.

2 Complete the story using sentences a–g from Exercise 1.

Jane's disastrous day

It all started when Jane realised she hadn't switched on the alarm on her mobile. Because she hadn't put on her alarm, she slept in. She had an important work meeting, so she quickly got ready and decided to get a taxi.

[1] ____ However, the taxi didn't turn up because she'd given the wrong address.

She then decided to get the train. [2] ____ She decided to catch a bus instead. [3] ____ So, Jane ran all the way to the office.

[4] ____ Because the meeting had already started, there was nowhere to sit. Jane stood at the back of the room and opened her bag to find her meeting notes. [5] ____

That evening she went to the cinema with friends. They weren't happy with her when her phone started to ring. [6] ____

After the film had finished, she decided to go a friend's party. [7] ____ The party had started at 7 o'clock not at 9 o'clock!

By the time Jane got home, she had decided it was a day to forget!

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