

**1 Match beginnings 1–6 with endings a–g and put the verbs into the Past Perfect Simple. There is one extra ending.**

Beth was embarrassed because she had put on (put on)

(h)

1 Dan couldn't order his new trainers online because they run out (run out)

(□)

2 Lee never found his phone. It fall (fall)

(□)

3 Jill couldn't claim her lottery win because someone steal (steal)

(□)

4 John wasn't allowed in the pool because he not/bring (not/bring)

(□)

5 Kyle never/use (never/use) a washing machine before

(□)

6 I wish we not/book (not/book)

(□)

**2 ★ Complete the texts with the verbs in the box.**

had been cycling had been

had been feeling

had been looking forward to

had done (x2) had eaten had failed

had he set off hadn't worked

1 Avril's face was rather a funny green colour. She said she had eaten a whole tub of ice cream an hour earlier and a rather sick ever since. When I asked why she b that, she said that she c a test at school and needed cheering up. Clearly her plan d.

2 Jack a to school for ten minutes when he noticed how quiet the streets were and finally realised it was Saturday. Why on earth b for school on a Saturday? It c a long and stressful week and he d the weekend all week. His family were going to laugh when they found out what he e.

**3 ★★ Complete the sentences with the Past Perfect Simple or the Past Perfect Continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.**

a When we finally landed, the plane had been flying (fly) for fourteen hours.

b When we finally landed, the plane had flown (fly) over 5,900 miles.

1 a Trevor live (live) in this town for 20 years before he found out that his next door neighbour used to be a famous actress.

b Trevor know (know) his next door neighbour for twenty years before he found out she used to be a famous actress.

2 a Vladimir sneak (sneak) out of the house secretly at night for months before he was finally caught.

b Earlier that night, Vladimir sneak (sneak) out of the house without waking his parents.

3 a The security guard sleep (sleep) for hours when the office was broken into.

b The security guard was fired because he sleep (sleep) through the burglary.

**4 ★★★ Complete the text with the Past Perfect Simple or the Past Perfect Continuous forms of the verbs in the box.**

always start correctly predict do go off hear  
look forward love put up receive snow wait

George and Gina had been waiting for Christmas for roughly 364 days. Ever since they were children, they 1 everything about the festive season, especially Christmas dinner. And George and Gina 2 early. By the end of each summer, they 3 most of their Christmas shopping, and by late October, they 4 their tree. Their friends 5 Christmas cards in early November for as long as they could remember.

This year, the weather forecasters 6 a white Christmas – George and Gina's absolute favourite. Ever since they 7 this, they 8 to Christmas even more than ever. When George opened the curtains on Christmas morning, he was greeted by a winter wonderland. Unfortunately, when he went downstairs, he discovered it 9 so much that the electricity 10. Christmas dinner was a cold ham sandwich eaten in a dark room next to an unlit tree.

**5 Choose the most suitable tense to complete the sentences**

1 The mathematician had attempted / had been attempting the problem nearly one hundred times before she finally solved it.

2 By midnight, all the guests had left / had been leaving.

3 Claire was given full marks in the speaking test. She had revised / had been revising all week long.

4 When the police examined all possible causes of the accident, they discovered that the driver had probably fallen / had probably been falling asleep behind the wheel.

5 Ryan left the room after the exam had finished / had been finishing.

6 They had planned / had been planning the wedding for months when he discovered she was actually in love with someone else.