8 Write questions about the story from the prompts. Then answer the questions.

1 How long / Eric's ex-wife / know / Vilma?
How long had Eric's ex-wife known Vilma?
2 any of Eric's friends / hear / from Vilma / after she / move away?

3 Why / Eric / think / Vilma / move / to Tibet?

4 Where / Vilma / live / since Eric / lose touch / with her?

5 Vilma / have / any children / with her late husband?

1 Choose the correct option.

1 By the time our guests arrived, we *had tidied / had been tidying* the living room.
2 My neighbours *had played / had been playing* music quite loudly all night and I was unable to sleep.
3 How long *had you looked / had you been looking* for a new apartment before you came across this place?
4 My flatmates were annoyed with me because I *hadn't done / hadn't been doing* the dishes last night.
5 Emma *hadn't saved / hadn't been saving* money for long before she bought a second-hand car.
6 *Had they bought / Had they been buying* their new furniture before they moved into their new home?

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Perfect Simple or the Past Perfect Continuous.

1 Robert watches a lot of French cinema but fortunately he _____ (not see) that film before. He loved it!
2 I didn't speak to Janet at the reception. By the time I arrived she _____ (already/leave).
3 It was such a shame. She _____ (decorate) the tree for about an hour before it fell over.
4 I was really tired. I _____ (drive) all the way there without stopping.
5 Gina locked the cat in the wardrobe by mistake. The poor thing _____ (cry) for ages before she finally let him out.
6 Barbara _____ (not know) that Alex was going to be at the party.
7 On the way to the airport I realised that I _____ (leave) my passport at home.
8 The streets were all wet because it _____ (rain) heavily since the morning.

3 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs and verb phrases in the box.

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Last year, I moved to a new city to start a job with a big insurance company. I [1] _____ there for a couple of weeks when I met Natalie in the coff ee shop one lunchtime. Up to that point, I [2] _____ okay with my job, but I [3] _____ many people. We immediately hit it off . We had lots of things in common and we were soon chatting away. I told her that I [4] _____ in a hostel since I'd arrived and that I was looking for a place to live. Coincidentally, her previous flatmate [5] _____ just a few days before , so she was looking for someone else to share with. I went to see the fl at that evening and I moved in a few days later. I was a bit unsure at fi rst because I [6] _____ a fl at with anyone before, but we got on really well and we soon became best friends.

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