Exercise 1:

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses using Past Simple, Past Continuous, Past Perfect Simple, and Past Perfect Continuous:

a) Last night, when I (1. arrive) _____ home, my family (2. wait) _____ for me because they (3. already/eat) _____ dinner.

b) Before I (4. start) _____ my new job, I (5. study) _____ the relevant materials for weeks.

c) While I (6. drive) _____ to the airport, I (7. realize) _____ that I (8. forget) _____ my passport at home.

d) By the time I (9. reach) _____ the summit, I (10. climb) _____ for six hours, and my legs (11. feel) _____ tired.

e) She (12. wait) _____ for over an hour before I (13. finally/arrive) _____ at the restaurant.

f) (you/hear) _____ about the accident before you (arrive) _____ at the scene?

g) While I (work) _____ on the project, my colleague (already/complete) _____ his part.

h) By the time the fire department (arrive) _____, the firefighters (already/put out) _____ the fire.

i) She (study) _____ for two hours before she (realize) _____ she (not/bring) _____ her textbook.

j) (you/visit) _____ the museum before it (close) _____?

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Exercise 2:

Complete the following passages using the correct form of the verbs in parentheses (Past Simple, Past Continuous, Past Perfect Simple, Past Perfect Continuous):

Text A

Yesterday, I (1. decide) _____ to rearrange my entire living room. When my friend (2. call) _____ to check in, I (3. move) _____ furniture for hours. By the time she (4. arrive) _____, I (5. already/tire) _____ myself out.

Text B

Last month, I (1. decide) _____ to redecorate my entire apartment. By the time my friend (2. call) _____ to check in, I (3. already/paint) _____ the walls for several hours. While we (4. chat) _____ on the phone, I (5. wonder) _____ if I (6. make) _____ the right color choice. I (7. look) _____ at the color samples and (8. realize) _____ that I (9. not/choose) _____ the shade I (10. originally/think) _____ of. My friend (11. suggest) _____ a different color, and I (12. consider) _____ it while I (13. continue) _____ to paint. By the time I (14. finish) _____ the entire apartment, I (15. already/work) _____ on it for eight hours. My friend (16. ask) _____ how I (17. manage) _____ to paint for so long without taking a break.

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