PAST PERFECT SIMPLE & PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

2 Complete the text with the past perfect simple or past perfect continuous form of the verbs in brackets. If both are possible, use the past perfect continuous.



CATCH ME IF YOU CAN
The Escape from Alcatraz



On 12 June 1962, at approximately 10.00 p.m., three men broke out of California's Alcatraz prison, in one of the most famous prison escapes in history. The prison, also known as 'The Rock', was famous for its high level of security. Frank Lee Morris and two brothers, Clarence and John Anglin, who [1] *had all been serving* (serve) sentences for bank robbery, [2] _____ (plan) the escape for nine months.

When the prison officers made their night-time inspection, they [3] _____ (not realize) the prisoners were missing because they [4] _____ (place) fake heads, which looked like human heads, in their beds. They [5] _____ (create) the heads out of a mixture of soap, toilet paper and real hair.

So what [6] _____ they _____ (do) over the previous nine months to prepare for their escape? Every evening, between 5.30 and 9 p.m., they [7] _____ slowly _____ (dig) a tunnel through the concrete wall of their prison cell using sharpened metal spoons and a drill made from the motor of a vacuum cleaner which they [8] _____ (stole). They [9] _____ (disguise) the sound of the drilling by playing the accordion.

On the night of the escape, they used special boats made of wood and raincoats, which they [10] _____ (acquire) from other prisoners.

Although prison officials claimed the men drowned at sea, their bodies have never been found and the investigation into their disappearance has not been closed.

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