A. Choose the correct answer.

1. When Jill heard the alarm, she ran out of the house, but the thieves _____ her car.
   a. had already stolen b. were already stolen c. already stole d. had already been stealing
2. Mark _____ to learn Spanish on his own for three years, but last year he decided to go to a language school.
   a. was trying b. had been trying c. has tried d. has been trying
3. His secretary told them _____ in the office.
   a. not wait b. not to wait c. to not wait d. don't wait
4. Mr Taylor _____ to the hotel manager about the service in the hotel.
   a. said b. explained c. accused d. complained
5. Mike asked me _____ abroad before.
   a. whether I travel b. had I travelled c. if I travelled d. whether I had travelled

B. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one, using the word given. You must use between two and five words including the word given.

1. Nelson was still sending e-mails when Rex called him.
   Nelson _____ sending e-mails when Rex called him. **finished**
2. He had been asleep for only five minutes when he heard a loud noise.
   He _____ for only five minutes when he heard a loud noise. **sleeping**
3. 'Gerry has just talked to the manager,' Peter said.
   Peter said that _____ to the manager. **had**
4. 'When are you planning to leave?' Gina asked.
   Gina asked me when _____ to leave.

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