

GRAMMAR review of present and past tenses

A Look at the underlined words in these sentences from READING B. Write the correct tense from the box.

past perfect past progressive present perfect progressive
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- 1 No single butterfly has ever made the whole trip ... _____
- 2 ... the number of Monarch butterflies ... has been falling since the 1980s ... _____
- 3 Scientists had been asking themselves questions ... for many years ... _____
- 4 ... but hadn't found a logical, scientific explanation. _____
- 5 What was happening inside their bodies when they were migrating? _____
- 6 Butterfly migration seemed to be one of life's great mysteries. _____

C Choose the correct options.

Lawrence Anthony was a conservationist and author who 1 **wrote** / **was writing** several animal books. He 2 **has been working** / **had been working** with elephants in Africa for many years when he discovered a large group that was in danger. Farmers wanted to kill the elephants because they 3 **had been eating** / **ate** all their crops for many years. Lawrence rescued them and moved them to a nature reserve. The elephants sometimes 4 **came** / **have come** to the house where Lawrence lived. Sadly, Lawrence died in March 2012. A few days later, his wife saw the elephants as they 5 **had walked** / **were walking** toward the house. They 6 **weren't visiting** / **hadn't visited** the house for 18 months. They 7 **have walked** / **had walked** for many hours from the nature reserve to get there. They 8 **stayed** / **were staying** by the house for two days before leaving. Did they 9 **come** / **coming** to say a final goodbye to Lawrence, the man who had saved them? No one will ever know.