

1. Choose the correct option.

- 1) Fabio *was cycling/ cycled* to work when he fell/had fallen off his bike.
- 2) I couldn't walk properly because I *had injured/ was injuring* my knee the previous day.
- 3) Jack was very surprised when he saw that I *painted/ had painted* the living room pink.
- 4) I couldn't get into my flat because I *had forgotten/ was forgetting* my keys.
- 5) I *had never been/ was never going* to Egypt before, so I was really excited to see the Pyramids.
- 6) Our train was cancelled, so we *were waiting / had waited* for the next one to arrive.
- 7) I *looked/ was looking* through some old photos and I *found/ was finding* this one of you at university.
- 8) When I got to the airport, I realized I *left/I'd left* my passport at home.
- 9) He *was going/ had gone* so fast down the ski slope that he crashed into the restaurant.
- 10) We *were sitting/ had sat* on the balcony and enjoying the view of the lake.

2. Complete the text with the verbs in the box.

Arrived came off felt got on had rained

was running was wearing was working



A few years ago, I in Bangkok. It was my first week in a new job and it was monsoon season. The streets were very wet because it a lot the night before. I to catch the bus and I flip-flops, which was probably not a very good idea. The water in the road was very deep,

so as I the bus, one of my flip-flops and floated down the road. I at the school with just one shoe. I so embarrassed.

3. Choose the correct word or phrase to complete the sentences.

1. I didn't go out last night because I out the night before.

a) go b) was being c) d' been

2. When we got to the hotel, we that there was a problem with our room.

a) found b) had shopped c) were finding

3. I stopped and had a chat with Naomi while I in town.

a) shopped b) had shopped c) was shopping

4. I couldn't call you because my phone at home.

a) I'd left b) I've left c) I was leaving

5. We in a tent in the middle of a field when the storm hit.

a) had slept b) were sleeping c) slept

6) When Jack got to college, he realized that he to bring his laptop.

a) forgot b) was forgetting c) had forgotten

4. Complete the text with the past simple, past continuous or past perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

About a year ago, I (sit) at home watching TV when the doorbell rang. It was a neighbour to say that my car had a flat tyre. I went outside and (see) he was right. Someone (put) a hole in the tyre during the night. I had it fixed, but when I got up a few mornings later, I discovered it (happen) again, and then a third time. I was really angry and wanted to know who (do) it each time. So, I got a security company to put some cameras on the side of my house. A few mornings later, the tyre was flat again so I (watch) the video the camera (record) from the night before. Do you know what I found out while I (do) my research? It wasn't a person who do all the damage. It was a neighbour's dog. I (not can) believe it!

5. Complete the sentences using Past Simple, Past Continuous or Past Perfect.

1. While I (clean) up my room, I

(find) some money that I (lose) a few weeks earlier.

2. We (watch) a TV programme when we

(recognise) someone we (not see) since we were at school.

3. The teacher (come) across a few careless mistakes

while she (check) some homework I (do).

4. Jane (not phone) home for a week or so, so while she

(wait) for the bus she (call) her mother.

5. I'm glad you (like) his latest novel. (you

/read) any of his books before?

6. Choose the correct alternative.

The Cottingley fairies

The Mystery

Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of Sherlock Holmes, *didn't always think/ hadn't always thought* as clearly as his famous detective. In 1917, 16-year-old Elsie Wright and her cousin Francis *showed/ had shown* Elsie's parents some photographs they *took/ had taken* of themselves and what appeared to be fairies. The photographs were examined by experts, and they all *agreed/ had agreed* that Elsie and Francis *didn't change/ hadn't changed* the photographs in any way. Conan Doyle *believed/ had believed* passionately that they *were/ had been* genuine and he *spent/ had spent* a great deal of energy trying to persuade people to take them seriously.