

1 Choose the correct past tenses to complete the text.

I ¹started / had started my own business in 2006. I ²left / had left university the year before and ³worked / was working for a large supermarket, but I ⁴had felt / felt very bored with my job. One day, while I ⁵helped / was helping a friend to design his website, I suddenly ⁶realised / had realised that I could earn some money from my website design skills. I ⁷was doing / had done a short web design course before I ⁸went / was going to university and ⁹was really enjoying / had really enjoyed it. My business ¹⁰was growing / grew very quickly and, in 2008, I ¹¹left / was leaving my supermarket job and ¹²started / was starting to work full-time as a website designer.

2 The underlined verbs are in the wrong tense. Rewrite the sentences using the correct past tense.

1 While she was studying German at university, she was meeting her future husband.

5 They finished their meal and then had watched a film on TV.

2 Before they had left the house, they had closed all the windows.

6 It rained and the streets were dark and cold.

3 We were walking to the bus stop and took the first bus into town.

7 I got my first job before I was leaving school.

4 Jon didn't buy any coffee earlier, so they drank tea.

8 Stella was listening to some music when she had heard a noise outside.

3 a Complete the sentences with your own ideas. On a separate piece of paper, write one clue for each sentence.

- 1 Before I left home this morning, I had already ...
- 2 I hadn't ... before I got home yesterday.
- 3 I was ... at half past nine last night.
- 4 I was ... at eight o'clock this morning.
- 5 Last weekend, I ...
- 6 Yesterday I ...

1 two cups

2 text

3 watch

4 sister

5 play

6 music

3 b **SPEAKING** Read your partner's clues and try to guess their sentences.

I think before you left home this morning, you had already drunk two cups of coffee.

No! Before I left home this morning, I had already broken two cups!