

1 Read the blog post and answer the questions.

- What had the writer forgotten to do? _____
- What happened next? _____

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In my English class we ¹*d prepared/d been preparing* for final presentations for a whole month, and my group was scheduled to present on Monday at 9.00 a.m. These presentations were very important. The teacher ²*had told/had been telling* us they were worth half our final grade. Imagine my horror when I woke up that day at 8.45 a.m. I ³*d forgotten/d been forgetting* to set my alarm!

I messaged my group to say I was going to be late. They ⁴*d been getting/d got* quite worried because we ⁵*d arranged/d been arranging* to meet early for a final practice of our presentation and I ⁶*hadn't arrived/hadn't been arriving* or ⁷*hadn't called/called*. I quickly got ready and ran out of the house.

The pavement was wet because it ⁸*had rained/had been raining* all night. Suddenly, I slipped over on the path and fell heavily. Even though I ⁹*d never broken/d never been breaking* a bone before, I knew from the pain that it was what I ¹⁰*d done/d been doing*.

By the time I checked my phone at the hospital later that morning, I ¹¹*d received/d been receiving* twelve increasingly frustrated messages from my group members. They ¹²*d wondered/d been wondering* what on earth ¹³*had happened/had been happening* to me.

In the end, they ¹⁴*d continued/d been continuing* with the presentation as planned, but the teacher said I wouldn't get any marks unless I had a very good excuse for my absence. Even though oversleeping was the real reason I ¹⁵*d missed/d been missing* the presentation, my broken wrist provided a very good excuse indeed!

- 2 Complete the blog post with the correct alternatives. More than one option may be possible.
- 3 Write your own story about something that went wrong, but worked out OK in the end. Use the past perfect simple and continuous.