GRAMMAR PRACTICE 3

Present perfect simple / Past simple / Past perfect simple

1. Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple or Present Perfect Simple.

1. Mr Smith …… (never teach) English before.
2. Robert …… (drive) to London two days ago.
3. …… you …… (go) to the football match last week?
4. I …… (not wash) the dishes yet.
5. …… you ever …… (see) such a beautiful car?
6. My friend …… (already give) his work to the teacher.
7. Nancy …… (not drink) enough water yesterday.
8. Mrs Black …… (recently write) a new book.

2. Choose the correct time expression.

1. Have you bought tickets for the basketball game **yet / just**?
2. My parents have been to Italy twice but they have **ever / never** been to Germany.
3. You don't have to stop at the supermarket. I have **yet / already** done the shopping.
4. Be careful! The floor is wet. I have **just / never** washed it.
5. Have you **yet / ever** ridden a horse?

3. Choose the correct answer.

1. They **studied / had studied** Portuguese for a year before they **travelled / had travelled** to Brazil.
2. My parents **decided / had decided** to visit India after they **saw / had seen** a documentary about the Taj Mahal.
3. By the time they **reached / had reached** the station, their train **left / had left**. Naturally they were upset.
4. Nick was hungry when the plane **landed / had landed** at the airport because he **didn't eat / hadn't eaten** on the flight.

4. Choose the correct answer.

1. He … in the Alps when he suddenly felt ill.

   a. climb **b.** was climbing **c.** had climbed
2. The little girl next to me on the plane was nervous because she … before.

   a. didn't fly **b.** hadn't flown **c.** wasn't flying

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3. ……. many interesting sites on your journey?

   a. Did you see **b.** Were you seeing **c.** Had you seen?

4. When we unpacked our bags, we realised that we … to take our travel guide.

   a. forgot **b**. were forgetting **c.** had forgotten

Present perfect continuous / Past perfect continuous

5. Complete the sentences with the verbs below. Use the Present Perfect Continuous or Past Perfect Continuous.

Not sleep/ work/ take/ try/ go/ not pay attention/

1. I _____ for only half an hour when my laptop battery died.
2. How long _____ you _____ the pottery course before you decided to quit?
3. I _____ very well for a while now. I think it's because I'm so stressed.
4. I _____ to solve this maths problem since 7 o'clock and I still haven't succeeded!
5. John _____ when the teacher explained the assignment, so he wrote about the wrong topic.
6. How long _____ Michelle _____ to a private tutor for help in physics?

6. Complete the sentences using the words in brackets so that they logically follow each first sentence. Use the Present Perfect Continuous or Past Perfect Continuous.

1. It's doubtful that Nancy will do well in the exams.

   She _____ .

   (not study/very much/this term)

2. James didn't get to the meeting on time.

   We _____.

   (discuss/ the school trip/ for 20 minutes/ before/ he /arrived).

3. My brother began studying cookery last year.

   He _____.

   (attend/ art college/ when/ he / suddenly decided/ to become a chef)

4. My grandmother has recently retired from the university.

   She _____.

   (work/as a researcher there/ since 1979.)

5. I didn't realize that you'd started your new job.

   How long _____.

   (you/work/there)

6. Come on. Let's take a walk.

   We _____.

   (sit/here/ for four hours)

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