# Grammar Exercises B2

**1. Complete the sentences with the past simple or past continuous form of the verb in brackets.**

**1)** I _____ (have) a shower when the postman _____ (arrive).

**2)** Sandra _____ (drop) her bag while she _____ (run) for the bus.

**3)** He _____ (read) the letter when he suddenly _____ (start) to laugh.

**4)** The sun _____ (shine), so we _____ (decide) to have a barbecue.

**5)** She _____ (hurt) her finger while she _____ (cut) some bread.

**6)** Pat _____ (live) in Greece when he _____ (meet) Hannah.

**2. Complete the sentences with the past simple or past perfect form of the verbs below.**

***arrive / be / complete / de cide / finish / get / go / lose / not know / pass / put / start / take / tell***

**1)** After we _____ eating, we _____ to go to the shops.

**2)** By the time they _____ at the theatre, the play _____

**3)** He only realised he _____ his keys when he _____ to his front door.

**4)** Jerry _____ delighted because he _____ all his exams.

**5)** When everyone _____ a chocolate, she _____ the box away.

**6)** They _____ out for a pizza after they _____ the project.

**7)** I _____ about the accident because no one _____ me about it.

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**3. Choose the correct verbs to complete the sentences.**

**1)** father **worked / has worked** as a policeman since he **left / has left** school.

**2)** Linda **called / has called** me this morning. She **has decided / decided** to come out with us later.

**3)** Tom **never drove / has never driven** a car because he's not old enough.

**4)** I **bought / have bought** a new shirt at the weekend, but I **didn't wear / haven't worn** it yet.

**5)** Pablo loves Sam Smith's new album, but I **haven't heard / didn't hear** it.

**6)** I **spilled / have spilled** water on phone earlier; I think **I broke / I've broken** it.

## 4. Complete the dialogue with the present perfect simple or continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

**Eve** Hi, Will. **1)** _____ (you finish) reading that magazine yet?

**Will** Not quite. I **2)** _____ (read) this article about Paris. It's really interesting.

**Eve 3** _____ (you visit) France, then?

**Will** Lots of times – we **4)** _____ (go) there on holiday for years. Recently, aunt and uncle **5)** _____ (buy) a house there so we'll go even more often.

**Eve** Lucky you. I **6)** _____ (never visit) another country. Anyway, I **7)** _____ (make) a cake if you'd like a piece?

**Will** That's really kind, but no thanks. I **8)** _____ (eat) biscuits all morning and I'm full!

## 5. Choose the correct verbs (a-c) to complete the text.

Last night, I **1)** ___ to music when the phone **2)** ___ . It was my sister. She **3)** ___ her bag and **4)** ___ enough money to get a cab home. She **5)** ___ to walk, but when it **6)** ___ to rain, she **7)** ___ to go to a café. She **8)** ___ there and she wanted me to ask if Mum or Dad would drive over and pick her up!

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**1)** **a** listened **b** was listening **c** had listened

**2)** **a** rang **b** had rung **c** was ringing

**3)** **a** was losing **b** lost **c** had lost

**4)** **a** didn't have **b** hadn't had **c** wasn't having

**5)** **a** was starting **b** started **c** had started

**6)** **a** began **b** had begun **c** was beginning

**7)** **a** decided **b** was deciding **c** had decided

**8)** **a** had waited **b** was waiting **c** waited

**6. Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the correct past tense.**

**1)** 'Why is your face so red?' 'I _____ (sit) in the sun all morning.'

**2)** I _____ (try) to do this crossword all morning and I still can't finish it.

**3)** They were driving to the sea when the car _____ (run out) of petrol.

**4)** After they'd woken up, they _____ (cook) a big breakfast.

**5)** Rosa has eaten octopus, but she _____ (not try) snails before!

**6)** I _____ (guess) what was inside the parcel before I opened it.

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