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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