

3 Complete the text with the verbs in parentheses. Use *used to* whenever possible or the simple past.

Before the invention of trains, people

1 (travel) on horses or in horse-drawn vehicles. It 2 (take) days to travel long distances. Then in 1830, the first passenger railway 3 (open). It connected Manchester to Liverpool in the north of England. In the early days of train travel, people 4 (worry) about the dangers of going at high speeds. There were other problems, too. Many train cars 5 (not have) a roof, so you got wet if it rained. There was no food on the trains, so people 6 (take) food with them. And clocks 7 (not show) the same time. People 8 (go) to stations early because they weren't sure exactly when the train might leave.



Telling stories about the past

4 Choose the correct verb forms to complete the sentences.

- 1 While we **were cycling** / **had cycled** home from school, we talked about our favorite movies.
- 2 Martin changed the channel on the TV after Jenny **was leaving** / **had left** the room.
- 3 Graham was reading a book when I **saw** / **was seeing** him earlier.
- 4 I **visited** / **was visiting** my aunt and uncle in Argentina three times when I was a small child.
- 5 The builder didn't go home at five because he **didn't finish** / **hadn't finished** repairing the ceiling.
- 6 By the time the train arrived in Chicago, Amy **ate** / **had eaten** all her sandwiches.

5 Complete the second sentence in each pair. Use the past perfect.

- 1 Joe opened the envelope. Then he **had breakfast**.
Joe **had breakfast** after he
- 2 We **didn't give** Asif a card, so he **was upset**.
Asif **was upset** because we
- 3 Graham **took** a shower and then **he went out**.
Graham **went out** as soon as he
- 4 Sally **wrote** a letter to her grandparents. Then she **went to school**.
Sally **went to school**. Earlier, she
- 5 I **was at home** for only five minutes. Then I heard the loud noise outside.
When I heard the loud noise outside, I