

1. Rewrite the sentences using participles.

1. Because he was cold, James turned on the heater.
2. The photographs, which were taken at the reception, were blurred.
The photographs _____ were blurred.
3. Alison had washed the paintbrushes before she painted the living room.
4. She was sitting on the sofa and she was knitting a jumper.
5. The girl who is sitting next to Alison is Vicky.
6. Because he had forgotten to do the shopping, he ate out that night.
7. Emma turned the key in the lock and opened the door.

2. Choose the correct answers.

1. I saw Jim this morning. He **ran / was running** for the bus.
2. Keri was angry. She **had been waiting / was waiting** for Sarah for two hours.
3. Andy was relieved to hear that he **was passing / had passed** the exam.
4. I **was walking / had walked** home when I saw Paul.
5. Brian **learnt / had learnt** how to spell his name at school today.
6. They **hadn't visited / weren't visiting** their grandparents for a long time.
7. I **watched / was watching** television when the telephone rang.
8. Jason **had been thinking / had thought** about his new car all day.
9. I bought the dress because I **wanted / had wanted** something special to wear to the party.
10. Graham **had been working / worked** for the company for twenty years before he retired.

3. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct past tense.

1. They _____ (walk) in the park when the storm broke.
2. The man _____ (pay) for his new car in cash.
3. I _____ (already / eat) breakfast by the time the others woke up.
4. It _____ (snow) for three days when suddenly the sun came out.
5. Liz _____ (go) to the Bahamas for her holidays last year.
6. We _____ (watch) a film on TV when our guests arrived.
7. They _____ (already / see) the film twice at the cinema when she rented it on video.
8. He _____ (sit) on the train at this time yesterday morning.
9. When I came home yesterday afternoon, there was a lovely smell coming from the kitchen.
My mum _____ (cook) biscuits.
10. It _____ (rain) all day and the roads were very wet.