

The past

Task 1: Complete these sentences with ONE word.

- People _____ to think the world was flat.
- Mary has lived in Australia _____ 1998.
- When I _____ walking down the street, I ran into Paul.
- She got promoted because she _____ done a lot of good work.
- I had _____ working hard all morning so I was very tired when I got home.



Task 2: Complete the sentences with the correct tense

1. I _____ (not/come) to your party last night because I _____ (have) to study for my exams.
2. The girls _____ (get) ready for the party when their friends _____ (call) to say that it was cancelled.
3. After Tim _____ (take) the pill this morning, his stomach _____ (ache).
4. Your mom _____ (tell) me that you _____ (be) a naughty boy in your childhood.
5. When I first _____ (meet) Jack two years ago, he _____ already _____ (graduate) from university.



6. What _____ you _____ (do) when I _____ (call) you last night?
7. John _____ (push) his friend into the pool when he _____ (get) him mad.
8. The kid _____ (bump) into a tree while he _____ (run).
9. As soon as I _____ (hear) that my neighbour _____ (have) an accident, I _____ (phone) him.
10. I can still remember her wedding day! She _____ (wear) a beautiful wedding dress, music _____ (play) softly, everybody _____ (dance) and _____ (have) so much fun...

Task 3: Choose the best alternative to complete the story.

Everything (1) **happened/ was happening** so fast as if it was all a dream. Suddenly, the bridge (2) **was collapsing/ collapsed** and all the cars (3) **plunged /were plunging** into the ocean. A survivor (4) **believed/ had believed** he (5) **felt/ was feeling** something strange in the air just before the bridge (6) **broke/ was breaking** into chunks. Another survivor (7) **saw/ had seen** a strange object in the sky pointing a beam of light at the bridge which probably then (8) **had caused/ caused** the tragedy. I myself find this very strange, but it is a fact that no one (9) **had known/ knew** if this "accident" (10) **had had/ was having** anything to do with ETs and UFOs. Experts of the paranormal field (11) **was/ were** quick to point to the "eye-witnessed" accounts of the survivors to support their conclusion that this incident was really related to ETs. Within a day after the accident (12) **had been occurring/ had occurred**, the experts (13) **managed/ had managed** to call a conference about their conclusion. Personally, I'm doubtful about this. I think another conclusion (13) **is going to appear/ is appearing** after a proper investigation (14) **has been carried out / had been carried out**. The police and the scientists (15) **are still searching/ have searched** for evidence to take back to the lab.

