

**A. Read the short story and choose the correct forms of the verbs.**

**First Time Buyers**

Last year, my wife and I (1) *bought / were buying* our first house. We (2) *had already been living / were already living* together for 5 years before we bought our house, so we (3) *knew / were knowing* how to live together. I'll never forget the first house we (4) *looked / had looked* at. It (5) *was / was*



*being* a small house in the suburbs with small windows. While we (6) *were walking / had walked* around the house, I (7) *noticed / was noticing* how dark and depressing it (8) *was / had been*. I (9) *was always living / had always lived* in a house with a lot of light and big windows, so I instantly (10) *hated / was hating* it. We (11) *saw / had seen* a few more houses after that which were all quite nice. We (12) *ended / had ended* up buying the second house that we (13) *visited / were visiting*. We (14) *had been seeing / had seen* it twice before we (15) *bought / had bought* it, just to be sure. I (16) *had been dreaming / was dreaming* of this day for a long time. Now, we have moved in. I'm really happy.