

## 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.

