12 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct past form.

Holiday Trouble

I remember the first time I 1) ...went... **(go)** abroad on holiday. I 2) .... **(just/leave)** school. I 3) .... **(study)** very hard for my final exams and I 4) .... **(feel)** that I needed to get away. A friend of mine 5) .... **(want)** to go away as well, so we 6) .... **(decide)** to look at some brochures at a travel agent's. We 7) .... **(search)** for about an hour when my friend 8) .... **(find)** the perfect holiday – two weeks in Cuba. We 9) .... **(be)** very excited about it. Finally, the day of our holiday 10) .... **(arrive)**. We 11) .... **(just/leave)** the house when the phone 12) .... **(ring)**. I 13) .... **(run)** back into the house but the phone 14) .... **(stop)** by the time I 15) .... **(reach)** it. When we 16) .... **(get)** to the airport, we 17) .... **(check)** in and 18) .... **(go)** to the cafeteria. While we were having our coffee, the airline 19) .... **(make)** an announcement. Our flight was delayed for eight hours. It was then that I 20) .... **(realise)** what the phone call was about.

13 Choose the correct answer.

1 By 2008, Katie .... six countries in Europe.
  A had already been visiting   C already visited
  B was already visiting   D had already visited

2 The children were cold. They .... in the snow all afternoon.
  A had played   B had been playing   C were playing   D played

3 This time last week, I .... an exam.
  A sat   B had sat   C had been sitting   D was sitting

4 Lucy was gardening .... Adam was painting the kitchen.
  A when   B as soon as   C after   D while

5 Paul .... an expensive mountain bike last year.
  A was buying   B had bought   C bought   D had been buying

6 He .... tennis every day during the summer holidays.
  A is playing   B had played   C had been playing   D played

7 While Matthew was fixing the window, he .... off the ladder.
  A fell   B was falling   C had fallen   D had been falling

8 It was a chilly evening. A strong wind .... and clouds were covering the sky.
  A was blowing   B blew   C had blown   D had been blowing

9 They .... for three hours before they found the house.
  A have walked   B had been walking   C walked   D are walking

10 By the time they arrived at the beach, it .... to rain.
  A was starting   B started   C had started   D had been starting