

PAST TENSES

Choose the correct item.

Nick a book when I saw him last night.

1 Julie by the seaside when she was younger.
A was living C would live
B used to live D had lived

2 They couldn't get a hotel room because they in advance.
A wouldn't book C hadn't booked
B hadn't been booking D weren't booking

3 A strong wind when we got to the beach.
A was blowing C used to blow
B had blown D would blow

4 Nelson for seven hours non-stop and was exhausted.
A had been driving C has driven
B has been driving D is driving

5 A storm while they were swimming in the pool.
A would break C was breaking
B breaks D broke

6 Barney's family a seaside resort.
A would own C used to own
B was owning D is owning

7 Tom to the gym every day when he was younger.
A had gone C has been going
B was going D used to go

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct past form.

- 1 A: What *were you and John arguing* (**you and John/argue**) about when I came home last night?
B: He (**leave**) the bathroom tap running the whole day again and the bathroom (**flood**).
- 2 A: I'm surprised that you (**find**) the way to the mountain cabin so easily.
B: That's because while Jason (**drive**) I (**look at**) the map and I (**give**) him directions.
- 3 A: (**you/tape**) the documentary on the Victoria Falls for me last night?
B: Sorry, it (**already/finish**) by the time I got home.
- 4 A: How (**you/ manage**) to catch such a nasty cold?
B: Well, two days ago, I (**stand**) in the rain for twenty minutes before I found a taxi to go home.

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

Lucy 1) *had been waiting* (**wait**) for the opportunity to enjoy a luxurious break for years. One morning she 2) (**listen**) to the radio when she 3) (**hear**) about a competition where the first prize was a trip to Barbados. Lucy 4) (**never/enter**) a radio competition before, but a few weeks later, as she 5) (**drive**) to work, she found out that she 6) (**win**)!

Unfortunately, the holiday 7) (**not/go**) as well as Lucy 8) (**hope**). The five-star hotel that the competition 9) (**promise**) turned out to be a dirty neglected place with extremely rude staff. On the first day of her stay, she 10) (**get**) food poisoning and on the second day she 11) (**have**) her credit card stolen. On top of that, it 12) (**rain**) all day the whole time she was there so there was no question of going to the beach. Lucy could not have been more disappointed.