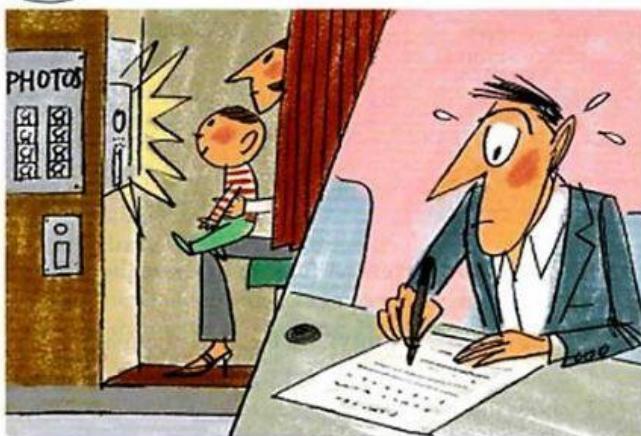


a Circle the correct verb form.



Meg and Liam McGowan <sup>got</sup> / were getting a nasty surprise when they <sup>had checked in</sup> / were checking in at Heathrow airport yesterday with their baby Shaun. They <sup>had won</sup> / won three free plane tickets to Rome in a competition, and they <sup>were looking forward to</sup> / had been looking forward to their trip for months. But, unfortunately, they <sup>had been forgetting</sup> / had forgotten to get a passport for their son, so Shaun couldn't fly. Luckily, they <sup>had arrived</sup> / were arriving very early for their flight, so they still had time to do something about it. They <sup>had run</sup> / ran to the police station in the airport to apply for an emergency passport. Meg <sup>was going</sup> / went with Shaun to the photo machine while Liam <sup>had filled in</sup> / was filling in the forms. The passport was ready in an hour, so they <sup>hurried</sup> / were hurrying to the gate and <sup>got</sup> / had got on the plane.

b Put the verb in brackets in the past perfect simple (*had done*) or continuous (*had been doing*). If you think both are possible, use the continuous form.

His English was very good. He *had been learning* it for five years. (learn)

1 I was really fed up because we \_\_\_\_\_ for hours. (queue)

2 She went to the police to report that someone \_\_\_\_\_ her bag. (steal)

3 It \_\_\_\_\_ all morning. The streets were wet, and there were puddles everywhere. (rain)

4 She got to work late because she \_\_\_\_\_ her phone at home and \_\_\_\_\_ go back and get it. (leave, have to)

5 I almost didn't recognize Tony at the party. He \_\_\_\_\_ a lot since I last saw him. (change)

6 The tourists' faces were very red. They \_\_\_\_\_ in the sun all morning and they \_\_\_\_\_ any sun cream. (sit, not put on)

7 I could see from their expressions that my parents \_\_\_\_\_. (argue)

8 Jess had a bandage on her arm because she \_\_\_\_\_ off her bike that morning. (fall)

9 I was amazed because I \_\_\_\_\_ such an enormous plane before. (never see)

10 How long \_\_\_\_\_ before you realized that you were lost? (walk)

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