

Put each verb in brackets into a suitable past verb form. Only use the past perfect where this is absolutely necessary.

- a) While I (try) **was trying**.....to get my car started, a passing car (stop)and the driver (offer).....to help me.
- b) The police (pay).....no attention to Clare's complaint because she (phone).....them so many times before.
- c) Mary (not wear).....her glasses at the time, so she (not notice)what kind of car the man (drive).....
- d) Nick (lie).....down on the grass for a while, next to some tourists who (feed).....the ducks.
- e) Tony (admit).....that he (hit).....the other car, but said that he (not damage).....it.
- f) Sorry, I (not listen).....to you. I (think)about something else.
- g) Helen (feel).....very tired, and when she (finish)her work, she (fall).....asleep.
- h) The police (get).....to Clare's house as fast as they could, but the burglars (disappear).....
- i) I (phone).....you last night but you (not answer)What (you do).....?
- j) We (not go).....out yesterday because it (rain)

Complete the sentences for situations in the past. Decide which tense you need to use.

1. A plumber (come) ✎ _____ to our house yesterday.
2. He (want) ✎ _____ to repair our washing machine that (break) ✎ _____ a few days before.
3. Before he (ring) ✎ _____ at my door, he (look) ✎ _____ for a parking space for about ten minutes.
4. While the plumber (repair) ✎ _____ the washing machine, I (watch) ✎ _____ the news.
5. Suddenly, I (realise) ✎ _____ that they (show) ✎ _____ our street on TV.
6. The reporter (say) ✎ _____ that a car (crash) ✎ _____ into a stop sign just before reaching the crossroads.
7. While I (listen) ✎ _____ carefully to what (happen) ✎ _____, someone (knock) ✎ _____ at my door.
8. I (open) ✎ _____ the door and (see) ✎ _____ a police officer standing there.
9. He (ask) ✎ _____ for the plumber.