

- a 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 *'d been learning* it for five years. (learn)

- 1 My feet were aching. We _____ for hours. (queue)
- 2 She went to the police, because someone _____ her bag. (steal)
- 3 The streets were wet. It _____ all morning. (rain).
- 4 She got to work late because she _____ an accident on the way. (have)
- 5 I almost didn't recognize him. He _____ a lot since I last saw him. (change)
- 6 They were very red. They _____ all morning but they _____ any sun cream. (sunbathe, not put on)
- 7 I could see from their faces that my parents _____. (argue)
- 8 Jess had a bandage on her arm. She _____ off her bike the day before. (fall)

- b Circle the correct verb form.

Meg and Liam McGowan (got) / *were getting* a nasty surprise when they ¹*had checked in* / *were checking in* at Heathrow airport yesterday with their baby Shaun. They ²*had won* / *won* three free plane tickets to Rome in a competition and they ³*were looking forward to* / *had been looking forward to* their trip for months. But, unfortunately, they ⁴*had been forgetting* / *had forgotten* to get a passport for their son and so Shaun couldn't fly. Luckily they ⁵*had arrived* / *were arriving* very early for their flight so they still had time to do something about it. They ⁶*had run* / *ran* to the police station in the airport to apply for an emergency passport. Meg ⁷*was going* / *went* with Shaun to the photo machine while Liam ⁸*had filled in* / *was filling in* the forms. The passport was ready in an hour, so they ⁹*hurried* / *were hurrying* back to check-in and finally ¹⁰*caught* / *had caught* their flight.