

Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- a) When you passed the town hall clock, ***did you notice/were you noticing*** what time it was?
- b) Last night my neighbours ***were shouting/would shout*** for hours and I couldn't get to sleep.
- c) When you lived in London, ***did you use to travel/were you travelling*** by bus?
- d) Everyone was having a good time, although not many people ***danced/*** ***were dancing.***
- e) Jill was really hungry because she ***didn't eat/hadn't eaten*** all day.
- f) Before we went to the theatre, we ***called in/had called in*** at George's cafe for a pizza.
- g) It took a while for me to notice, but then I did. Everyone ***stared/was staring*** at me. What had I done wrong?
- h) Nobody bothered to tell me that the school ***decided/had decided*** to have a special holiday on Friday.
- i) I ***was trying/tried*** to get in touch with you all day yesterday. Where were you?
- j) A: Excuse me, but this seat is mine.
B: I'm sorry, I ***didn't realise/hadn't realised*** that you were sitting here.

Choose the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- a) **Once / Afterwards** I'd read the manual, I found I could use the computer easily.
- b) It was more than a month **before / until** I realised what had happened.
- c) I managed to talk to Carol just **as / while** she was leaving.
- d) It wasn't **until / up to** 1983 that Nigel could afford to take holidays abroad.
- e) George always let me know *by the time / whenever* he was going to be late.
- f) I was having a bath **at the time / that time**, so I didn't hear the doorbell.
- g) We bought our tickets and five minutes **after / later** the train arrived.
- h) According to Grandpa, people used to dress formally **those days /in his day**.
- i) Everyone was talking but stopped **at that time /the moment** Mr Smith arrived,
- j) The letter still hadn't arrived **by / until** the end of the week.

Put each verb in brackets into a suitable past verb form.

This time last year I (1) _____ (cycle) in the rain along a country road in France with a friend of mine. We (2) _____ (decide) to go on a cycling holiday in Normandy. Neither of us (3) _____ (be) to France before, but we (4) _____ (know) some French from our time at school and we (5) _____ (manage) to brush up on the basics.

Now we (6) _____ (wonder) if we (7) _____ (make) the right decision. We (8) _____ (plan) our route carefully in advance, but we (9) _____ (forget) one important thing, the weather. It _____ (10) (rain) solidly since our arrival and that night we (11) _____ (end up) sleeping in the waiting room at a railway station. Then the next morning as we (12) _____ (ride) down a steep hill my bike (13) _____ (skid) on the wet road and I (14) _____ (fall off). I (15) _____ (realise) immediately that I (16) _____ (break) my arm, and after a visit to the local hospital I _____ (17) (catch) the next train to Calais for the ferry home. Unfortunately my parents (18) _____ (not/expect) me home for a fortnight, and (19) _____ (go) away on holiday. So I (20) _____ (spend) a miserable couple of weeks alone, reading 'Teach Yourself French'.

Choose the correct form.

a When Dora **went / had gone** to pay for the petrol she **was putting / had put** in her car, she **realized / was realizing** that she **lost / had lost** her credit card.

b While I **was waiting / had waited** for my meal to arrive, I **saw / was seeing** that the two men who had followed me into the restaurant **were staring / had been staring** at me from a nearby table.

c When I **heard / was hearing** the noise at the window, **I knew / I had known** that someone **tried / was trying** to break into the house.

d Maria **didn't remember / wasn't remembering** anything about the accident, except that she **didn't drive / had not been driving** too fast and in fact **had almost stopped / was almost stopping** before she reached the crossroads.

e By the time the fire engines **arrived / were arriving** at the cottage, Tom and his neighbours **already put out / had already put out** the fire and **were carrying / had been carrying** furniture out of the blackened building.

f 'What **did you do / were you doing** in the High Street at that time of night, and why **did you run away / had you run away** when the officer **told / was telling** you to stop?' asked the lawyer.

g While Sally **painted / was painting** the ceiling, she **fell off / was falling off** the ladder but luckily she **didn't break / wasn't breaking** any bones.

h Our taxi to the airport **didn't turn up / wasn't turning up** on time, and so by the time we **got / were getting** to the check-in desk, the flight **already closed / had already closed**.

i)Marlowe walked slowly into the room. He ***didn't forget / hadn't forgotten*** his last visit to the house, when Miss LaPorte ***had fired / was firing*** two shots at him, so he ***had taken / was taking*** no chances this time.

j)Alice could see that the tall boy ***had / was having*** difficulty making himself understood, but she ***decided / was deciding*** not to help him. After all, nobody ***had helped / was helping*** her during her first days in this country!