Exercises

16.1 **Read the situations and make sentences from the words in brackets.**

1 I was very tired when I arrived home.
(I / work / hard all day) I'd been working hard all day.
2 The two boys came into the house. They had a football and they were both very tired.
(they / play / football) .....
3 I was disappointed when I had to cancel my holiday.
(I / look / forward to it) .....
4 Ann woke up in the middle of the night. She was frightened and didn't know where she was.
(she / dream) .....
5 When I got home, Mark was sitting in front of the TV. He had just turned it off.
(he / watch / a film) .....

16.2 **Read the situations and complete the sentences.**

1 We played tennis yesterday. Half an hour after we began playing, it started to rain.
We had been playing for half an hour when it started to rain .
2 I had arranged to meet Tom in a restaurant. I arrived and waited for him. After 20 minutes I realised that I was in the wrong restaurant.
I ..... for 20 minutes when I .....
..... the wrong restaurant.
3 Sarah got a job in factory. Five years later the factory closed down.
At the time the factory ....., Sarah .....
..... there for five years.
4 I went to a concert last week. The orchestra began playing. After about ten minutes a man in the audience suddenly started shouting.
The orchestra ..... when
.....

This time make your own sentence:

5 I began walking along the road. I .....
when .....

16.3 **Put the verb into the most suitable form, past continuous (I was doing), past perfect (I had done) or past perfect continuous (I had been doing).**

1 It was very noisy next door. Our neighbours were having (have) a party.
2 We were good friends. We'd known (we / know) each other for years.
3 John and I went for a walk. I had difficulty keeping up with him because
..... (he / walk) so fast.
4 Sue was sitting on the ground. She was out of breath. ..... (she / run).
5 When I arrived, everybody was sitting round the table with their mouths full.
..... (they / eat).
6 When I arrived, everybody was sitting round the table and talking. Their mouths were empty, but their stomachs were full. ..... (they / eat).
7 James was on his hands and knees on the floor. ..... (he / look) for his contact lens.
8 When I arrived, Kate ..... (wait) for me. She was annoyed because I was late and ..... (she / wait) for a long time.
9 I was sad when I sold my car. ..... (I / have) it for a very long time.
10 We were extremely tired at the end of the journey. ..... (we / travel) for more than 24 hours.

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