

- 1 Complete the sentences with the past simple or past continuous form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 I had a shower when the postman arrived.
- 2 Sandra dropped her bag while she ran for the bus.
- 3 He read the letter when he suddenly started to laugh.
- 4 The sun shone, so we decided to have a barbecue.
- 5 She hurt her finger while she cut some bread.
- 6 Pat lived in Greece when he met Hannah.

- 2 Complete the sentences with the past simple or past perfect form of the verbs below.

arrive be complete decide finish get go lose
not know pass put start take tell

- 1 After we had eating, we were to go to the shops.
- 2 By the time they were at the theatre, the play had started.
- 3 He only realised he had lost his keys when he went to his front door.
- 4 Jerry was delighted because he had passed all his exams.
- 5 When everyone had a chocolate, she put the box away.
- 6 They were out for a pizza after they had the project.
- 7 I hadn't known about the accident because no one told me about it.

- 3 Choose the correct verbs to complete the sentences.

- 1 My father **worked** / **has worked** as a policeman since he **left** / **has left** school.
- 2 Linda **called** / **has called** me this morning. She **has decided** / **decided** to come out with us later.
- 3 Tom **never drove** / **has never driven** a car because he's not old enough.
- 4 I **bought** / **have bought** a new shirt at the weekend, but I **didn't wear** / **haven't worn** it yet.
- 5 Pablo loves Sam Smith's new album, but I **haven't heard** / **didn't hear** it.
- 6 I **spilled** / **have spilled** water on my phone earlier; I think I **broke** / **I've broken** it.

- 4 Complete the dialogue with the present perfect simple or continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- Eve Hi, Will. 1 (you finish) reading that magazine yet?
Will Not quite. I 2 (read) this article about Paris. It's really interesting.
Eve 3 (you visit) France, then?
Will Lots of times – we 4 (go) there on holiday for years. Recently, my aunt and uncle 5 (buy) a house there so we'll go even more often.
Eve Lucky you. I 6 (never visit) another country. Anyway, I 7 (make) a cake if you'd like a piece?
Will That's really kind, but no thanks. I 8 (eat) biscuits all morning and I'm full!

- 5 Choose the correct verbs (a–c) to complete the text.



Last night, I 1 to music when my phone 2 ringing. It was my sister. She 3 her bag and 4 enough money to get a cab home. She 5 to walk, but when it 6 to rain, she 7 to go to a café. She 8 there and she wanted me to ask if Mum or Dad would drive over and pick her up!

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| 1 a listened | b was listening | c had listened |
| 2 a started | b had started | c was starting |
| 3 a was losing | b lost | c had lost |
| 4 a didn't have | b hadn't had | c wasn't having |
| 5 a was starting | b started | c had started |
| 6 a began | b had begun | c was beginning |
| 7 a decided | b was deciding | c had decided |
| 8 a had waited | b was waiting | c waited |

- 6 Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the correct past tense.

- 1 'Why is your face so red?' 'I sat in the sun all morning.'
- 2 I tried to do this crossword all morning and I still can't finish it.
- 3 They were driving to the sea when the car ran out of petrol.
- 4 After they'd woken up, they cooked a big breakfast.
- 5 Rosa has eaten octopus, but she hasn't tried snails before!
- 6 I guessed what was inside the parcel before I opened it.