Read the situations and write sentences using the words in brackets.

1 There was a picture lying on the floor.

(It / fall / off the wall) _____

2 The people sitting next to you on the plane were nervous. It was their first flight.

(They / not / fly / before) _____

3 You went back to your home town recently after many years. It wasn't the same as before.

(It / change / a lot) It _____

4 Somebody sang a song. You didn't know it.

(I / not / hear / it / before) I _____

5 I invited Rachel to the party, but she couldn't come.

(She / arrange / to do something else) _____

6 You went to the cinema last night. You got to the cinema late.

(The film / already / start) _____

7 Last year we went to Mexico. It was our first time there.

(We / not / be / there / before) We _____

8 I met Daniel last week. It was good to see him again after such a long time.

(I / not / see / him for five years) _____

9 I offered my friends something to eat, but they weren't hungry.

(They / just / have / lunch) _____

10 Sam played tennis yesterday. He wasn't very good at it because it was his first game ever.

(He / never / play / before) _____

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Put the verb into the correct form, past perfect (I had done) or past simple (I did).

1 Paul wasn't at the party when I arrived. He _____ (go) home.

2 I felt very tired when I got home, so (I / go)_____ straight to bed.

3 The house was very quiet when I got home. Everybody (go) _____to bed.

4 Mark travels a lot. When I first met him, (he / already / travel) _____round the world.

5 Sorry I'm late. The car (break) _____ down on my way here.

6 We were driving along the road when (we / see) a car which (break) _____ down, so (we / stop) _____ to help.

Read the situations and make sentences using the words in brackets.

1 Tom was very tired when he got home.

(He / work / hard all day) _____

2 The children 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 Anna woke up in the middle of the night. She was frightened and didn't know where she was. (She / have / a bad dream) _____

5 When I got home, Mark was sitting in front of the TV. He had just turned it off.

(He / watch / a film) _____

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6 The people waiting at the bus stop were getting impatient. The bus was very late.

(They / wait / a long time) _____

Read the situations and complete the sentences.

1 We played tennis yesterday. We didn't finish our game.

We _____ (play) for half an hour when _____ (it / start) to rain.

2 I had arranged to meet Tom in a restaurant. I arrived and waited for him to come.

(I / wait) _____ for 20 minutes when (I / realise) that (I / be)

_____ in the wrong restaurant.

3 Sarah worked in a company for a long time. The company no longer exists.

At the time the company (go) _____ out of business, Sarah

_____(work) there for twelve years.

4 I went to a concert. Soon after the orchestra began playing, something strange happened.

The orchestra (play)_____ for about ten minutes when a man in

the audience suddenly (start) _____ shouting.

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Which is right?

1 It was noisy next door last night. Our neighbours **were having / had been having** a party.

2 At the end of our journey we were extremely tired. We **were travelling** /

We'd been travelling for more than 24 hours.

3 James was on his hands and knees on the floor. He **was looking / He'd been looking** for his

contact lens.

4 Sue was sitting on the ground. She was out of breath. **She was running /**

She'd been running.

5 John and I went for a walk. He **was walking / He'd been walking** very fast, and I had difficulty keeping up with him.

6 I was sad when I sold my car. **I've had it / I'd had** it for a very long time.

7 I was sad when my local cafe closed. I **was going / I'd been going** there for many years.

8 I'm running a marathon next month. **I've been training / I'd been training** for it every day.

9 I had arranged to meet Kate, but I was late. When I finally arrived, she **was waiting /**

she'd been waiting for me. She was annoyed because she **was waiting / she'd been waiting** such a long time.

10a Joe and I work for the same company. He joined the company before me. When I started a few years ago, he **was already working / he'd already been working** there.

10b I started working at the company a few years ago. At the time I started,

Joe **was already working / had already been working** there for two years.

10c Joe still works for the company. **He's been working / He'd been working** there a long

time now.

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