PRACTICE

38a **Circle the correct answer.**

Amy and I went to Lucy's house on Friday night. We (0)(*arrived*)/ *'d arrived* late, but she (1) *didn't prepare / hadn't prepared* any food. In fact, she (2) *had / was having* a bath!

I (3) *found / 'd found* somebody's diary on the train last week. It (4) *was / had been* on the floor near a seat. Obviously, somebody (5) *dropped / had dropped* it. The owner's name and address (6) *were / had been* inside, so I (7) *sent / was sending* it back to him.

I (8) *got / was getting* lost on my way to college on the first day. I (9) *forgot / 'd forgotten* to bring a map, so I walked a long way in the wrong direction. The streets were very busy and everybody (10) *walked / was walking* very fast.

38b **Complete the article. Use the past simple, past continuous or past perfect of the verbs in brackets.**

Avalanche survivors in good health

A survivor of Monday's avalanche (0) ..*described*.. (describe) his experience to reporters yesterday.

Duncan Wood and his friend Steven Taylor (1) ..... (return) from a climb when the avalanche (2) ..... (hit) them. 'We (3) ..... (check) the weather reports before leaving, of course, and we (4) ..... (chose) an area that was safe – we thought,' Mr Wood said. 'The weather was OK – it (5) ..... (not snow). We (6) ..... (walk) down the mountain when suddenly, the snow under me (7) ..... (start) moving and (8) ..... (carry) me down the mountain. I was terrified! Snow and rocks (9) ..... (fall) everywhere around me!

'When it (10) ..... (stop), I was covered in snow, but I could still see the sky above me. I (11) ..... (manage) to dig a hole and get out. Then I (12) ..... (see) an arm in the snow near me. Steven (13) ..... (land) right next to me! I (14) ..... (dig) a hole for him and he (15) ..... (get) out. We weren't badly injured and we feel fine now. We were very lucky.'

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Check 8 Narrative tenses

1 Complete the sentences. Use the past perfect or past simple of the verbs in brackets. Sometimes both are possible.

1 By the time it ..... dark, we ..... a good place to camp. (get, find)

2 When we ..... , Ben ..... . (arrive, already / leave)

3 She ..... after she ..... lunch. (go out, have)

4 As soon as I ..... my work, I ..... very relieved. (finish, feel)

5 She ..... a lot about him before she ..... to his exhibition. (read, go)

6 The plane ..... by the time we ..... to the airport. (take off, get)

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2 Complete the conversations. Use the past perfect or past simple of the verbs in brackets.

A: Did your performance go well?
B: No, it didn't. We played really badly because we (7) ..... (not practise) enough.

A: Didn't you go to the cinema with Ben and Philip on Friday?
B: No. I (8) ..... (already / see) the film they were going to see.

A: How did you get home last night?
B: Sarah (9) ..... (give) us a lift.

A: Kevin and Mark were really excited because they (10) ..... (never / be) to London before.
B: Yes, I know. Mark told me.

A: I like this photo of you! Is it recent?
B: Yes. Nina (11) ..... (take) it about a month ago.

A: Does Luke live here?
B: No. He (12) ..... (move) to Cambridge in 2005.

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3 Circle the correct answer.

When I opened the front door, I (13) ..... Lucy in the kitchen. She (14) ..... quite loudly. I (15) ..... for a few moments and then I went into the kitchen. Lucy and my mother (16) ..... at the table. My mother (17) ..... a cake and they were eating it. I (18) ..... a glass of water and went to my room. It was a mess. I (19) ..... it at all before I left. I (20) ..... my computer and checked my e-mails.

13	A heard	B was hearing
	C were hearing	D had heard
14	A talked	B was talking
	C had talked	D had talking
15	A listened	B have listened
	C was listening	D had listened
16	A have sat	B was sitting
	C were sitting	D had sat
17	A made	B has made
	C was making	D had made
18	A got	B was getting
	C were getting	D had got
19	A didn't tidy	B wasn't tidying
	C weren't tidying	D hadn't tidied
20	A turned on	B was turning on
	C were turning on	D had turned on

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Total: / 20

Self-check

Wrong answers	Look again at	Try CD-ROM
7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	Unit 36	Exercise 36
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Unit 37	Exercise 37
13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20	Unit 38	Exercise 38

Now do **Check 8**

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