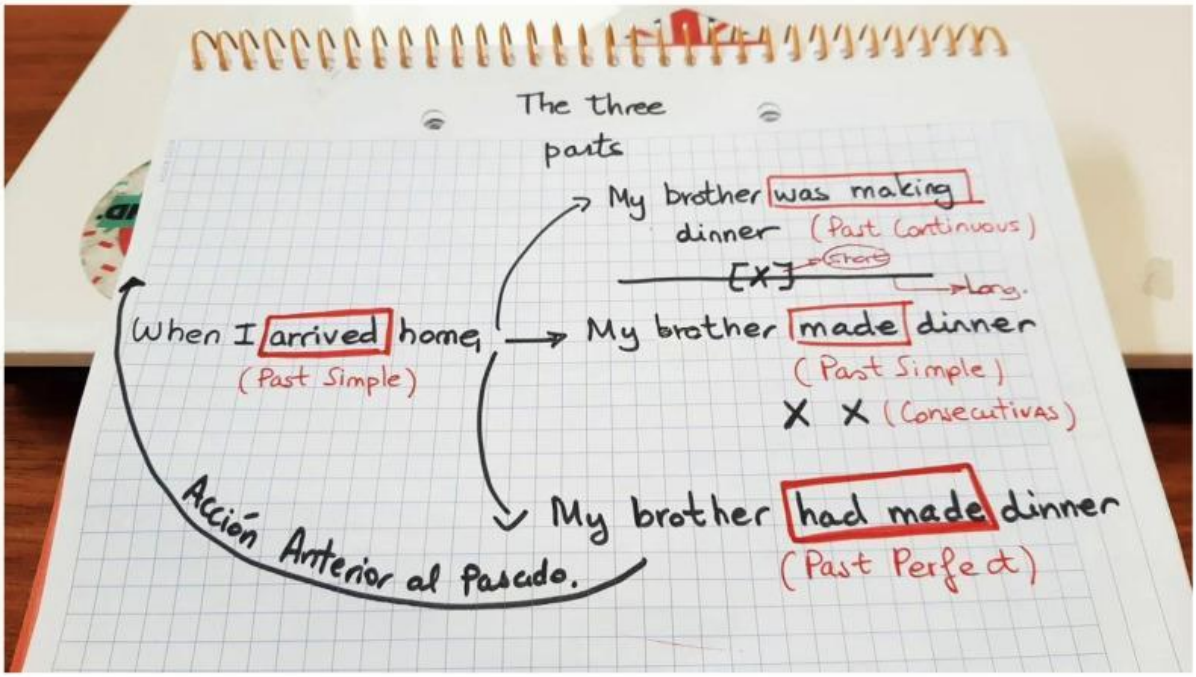

Simple past, Past Continuous and Past Perfect

First, choose which action happened first. Then, complete with the right form of the verb in brackets.

1. She _____ (run) a half marathon so I _____(know) she was the right teammate.
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2. I _____ (watch) films all day in my bedroom. My parents _____ (recommend) them.
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3. I _____ (do) all twenty things on my list before I _____ (go) back to school.
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4. We _____ (eat) sandwiches and snacks that we _____ (buy) two days ago.
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5. After we _____ (put) our boots and stuff in the car, we _____ (drive) to a nearby forest.
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6. When they _____ (announce) the winners, we found out that we _____ (win).
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Choose the words to complete the text

1. While I _____ and they _____, we _____ we _____ (not / buy) the food for the next day.
    a. Didn't buy
    b. Talked
    c. Had realized
    d. Was Talking
    e. Had Played
    f. Were Playing
    g. Hadn't bought
    h. Realized
2. It was a beautiful day, the sun _____ and the birds _____, I _____ my things and _____ for a walk outside. I _____ such a beautiful park before.
    a. Shone
    b. Was Shining
    c. Sang
    d. Were Singing
    e. Picked up
    f. Was picking up
    g. Never saw
    h. Had never seen
3. We _____ to the train station, when we _____ and accident.
    a. Travelled
    b. Were Travelling
    c. Saw
    d. Had Seen
4. They _____ (play) soccer, when Tom _____ (fall) over.
    a. Played
    b. Had Played
    c. Were Playing
    d. Fell
    e. Had Fallen
5. My parents _____ some food and _____ home.
    a. Had Bought
    b. Bought
    c. Were coming
    d. Came

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6. Before I _____ (watch) the movie yesterday, I _____ (read) some reviews online.
    a. Watched
    b. Was watching
    c. Read
    d. Had read

Put the verb in brackets in the correct tense

Yesterday, while I _____ (walk) to the city centre, I _____ (see) an advertisement for a concert on Saturday. A lot of other people _____ (already/see) the advertisement before me. They _____ (stand) outside the theatre when I _____ (arrive) there. We _____ (wait) for a long time. At last a man _____ (come) out of the theatre and _____ (put) up a notice. They _____ (sell) all the tickets for Saturday! We _____ (feel) angry. Why _____ (not/they/tell) us earlier? We _____(decide) to go home.

While we _____ (walk) back home, I _____ (realise) we _____ (not/visit) my mother the past week, so we _____ (decide) to go have dinner with her. When we _____ (call) to let her know we _____ (going), she _____ (say) she _____ (already eat). We _____ (go) anyway.

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