3A Grammar 1 Past perfect simple and continuous

1 Read the blog post and answer the questions.

- What had the writer forgotten to do? _____
- What happened next? _____

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In my English class we [1]*'d prepared/'d been preparing* for final presentations for a whole month, and my group was scheduled to present on Monday at 9.00 a.m. These presentations were very important. The teacher [2]*had told/had been telling* us they were worth half our final grade. Imagine my horror when I woke up that day at 8.45 a.m. I [3]*'d forgotten/'d been forgetting* to set my alarm!

I messaged my group to say I was going to be late. They [4]*'d been getting/'d got* quite worried because we [5]*'d arranged/'d been arranging* to meet early for a final practice of our presentation and I [6]*hadn't arrived/hadn't been arriving* or [7]*hadn't called/called*. I quickly got ready and ran out of the house.

The pavement was wet because it [8]*had rained/had been raining* all night. Suddenly, I slipped over on the path and fell heavily. Even though I [9]*'d never broken/'d never been breaking* a bone before, I knew from the pain that it was what I [10]*'d done/'d been doing*.

By the time I checked my phone at the hospital later that morning, I [11]*'d received/'d been receiving* twelve increasingly frustrated messages from my group members. They [12]*'d wondered/'d been wondering* what on earth [13]*had happened/had been happening* to me.

In the end, they [14]*'d continued/'d been continuing* with the presentation as planned, but the teacher said I wouldn't get any marks unless I had a very good excuse for my absence. Even though oversleeping was the real reason I [15]*'d missed/'d been missing* the presentation, my broken wrist provided a very good excuse indeed!

2 Complete the blog post with the correct alternatives. More than one option may be possible.

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