

Past tenses

Complete the sentences the correct conjugation of the verb in parentheses.

1. I heard a knock at the front door so I _____ to answer it. (go)
2. At this time yesterday, I _____ an essay. (write)
3. The football season _____ a month ago. (begin)
4. She _____ from school in 2001. (graduate)
5. We entered the house quietly because everyone _____. (sleep)
6. By the time we _____ to the cinema, the film had already started. (get)
7. The children _____ in the garden while their parents were watching them. (play)
8. They _____ many hours before we arrived. (leave)

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple, Past Continuous or Past Perfect Simple.

1. They _____ (get) to the airport as the plane was landing.
2. She wore the shoes she _____ (buy) the previous day.
3. I felt as I _____ (run) for the bus.
4. What _____ she _____ (say) when he asked her to marry him?
5. When I was a student, I _____ (not have) much money.
6. Why _____ she still _____ (work) at one o'clock in the morning?
7. I was happy to see her, because we _____ (not see) each other for years.
8. By the time we got to the shop, a long queue _____ already _____ (form) outside.

Complete the passage with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Until a few years ago, no one _____ (hear) of Harry Potter, the young wizard and hero of the children's book Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. The writer, J K Rowling, She _____ (already / write) several stories and books, but this was the first book that was published. She _____ (get) the idea for the story of a wizard at magic school while she _____ (travel) on a train to London. By the time the train _____ (reach)

King's Cross station, she _____ (invent) most of the characters. When the book was published in 1997, no one _____ (imagine) it would be such a tremendous success, but it quickly _____ (become) a bestseller. While millions of young readers in many countries _____ (enjoy) her first Harry Potter book, J K Rowling _____ (think) of ideas for the next book in this incredibly popular series.