PRACTICE

2A

1 Complete the sentences with the pairs of verbs in the box. Use one in the past simple and the other in the past continuous.

not answer/drive meet/do you queue/get
rain/not go see/wait walk/start

1 I _____ you this morning while I _____ for the bus.
2 I _____ the dog when it _____ snowing.
3 We first _____ at university. We _____ the same degree.
4 Sorry I _____ the phone earlier. I _____.
5 It _____ this morning, so we _____ for a walk.
6 How long _____ before you _____ into the exhibition?

2 Complete the stories with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

While she [1]_____ (celebrate) her grandparents' golden wedding in Stafford, UK, ten-year-old Laura Buxton [2]_____ (release) a balloon with a note attached. The note asked the person who found the balloon to write back. Ten days later she [3]_____ (receive) a reply. The girl, who [4]_____ (find) the balloon while she [5]_____ (play) in her garden 140 miles away, was also called Laura Buxton and was ten years old.

A couple [6]_____ (have) an argument in a restaurant when the woman [7]_____ (throw) a drink over the man. A few seconds later she [8]_____ (slip) on the drink and [9]_____ (hurt) her back. She later [10]_____ (receive) over $100,000 in compensation because the restaurant [11]_____ (not / clean up) the liquid quickly enough. The manager said that the staff [12]_____ (try) to stop the argument at the time.

2B

1 Rewrite the sentences with the correct form of *used to* so that they mean the same.

1 I played the guitar when I was younger, but I don't play it now.
2 We went skiing every year, but we hardly ever go these days.
3 Did you play computer games when you were younger?
4 I didn't like Chinese food in the past, but I love it now.
5 There was a park here but now it's an office block.

2 Make sentences about the past using the prompts and *used to*. Then write three similar sentences of your own.

1 there / be / more languages in the world .
2 people / think / the world / flat .
3 people / not / live so long .
4 we /not / buy / so many things online .
5 there / not / be so much pollution .
6 life / be / much simpler .

2C

1 Choose the correct alternative.

1 I was *too/so* tired to go out last night.
2 It's not warm *too/enough* to swim.
3 We don't have enough money *to/for* buy both of them.
4 We were *so/too* cold that we put the heating on.
5 It was *so/such* a lovely place that we decided to go back there next year.
6 Your parents are *such/so* nice!
7 There were so many people *that/to* we couldn't all sit down.
8 I wanted to go, but I didn't have *money enough/enough money*.

2 Rewrite the sentences using the word in brackets so that they mean the same.

1 I'm too young to vote. (enough)
I'm _____ vote.
2 It was such a boring film that I fell asleep. (so)
The film _____ asleep.
3 The room isn't big enough to fit everyone. (too)
The room _____ everyone.
4 The food was so cold that we couldn't eat it. (too)
The _____ eat.
5 The traffic was so bad that it took us five hours to get there. (such)
It _____ to get there.
6 It was too dark to see anything. (so)
It _____ see anything.

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