1 Underline the time expression in the sentences.

1 This time last year they were revising for their exams.
2 Lucy has been working as a waitress since January.
3 Yesterday, I wrote my very first blog post.
4 When I arrived, my friends had already finished their drinks.
5 She has watched this thriller at least ten times.
6 I recognised your brother as soon as I saw him.
7 Darius has been researching his school project all evening – he's really tired now.

2 Which sentences in Ex 1 talk about ...

A a finished event that happened at a known time in the past? ___
B an activity in progress at a certain time in the past? ___
C a finished event that happened at some time in the past? ___
D an action that started recently and is still in progress now? ___
E an action that is finished but has a result we can see now? ___
F a finished event that happened before another event in the past? ___

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs below.

accept have leave live meet not finish
read send text try wait

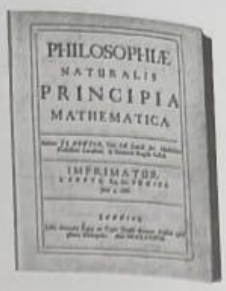
1 Sara _____ me three times already this morning.
2 I can't upload this video – I _____ to do it all evening.
3 At 7.30 a.m. this morning, we _____ breakfast.
4 I _____ my school project yet.
5 Senyo _____ in the US when he _____ his friend Kyle.
6 As soon as she _____ my message, she _____ the house to meet me.
7 She _____ her manuscript to ten publishers before one _____ it.
8 I _____ outside in the snow for ages – I'm freezing!

4 Complete the texts with the correct past or perfect form of the verbs in brackets. More than one answer may be possible.

A

The other day, I heard the writer Robert Macfarlane on the radio. He [1] _____ (talk) about his book, *The Lost Words*, a collection of poems by Macfarlane and beautiful paintings of animals and plants by the artist Jackie Morris. How [2] _____ (come) up with the idea for the book? Well, it was when they [3] _____ (find) out that a well-known children's dictionary [4] _____ (decide) not to include many common names of animals, birds and flowers – replacing them with words like 'attachment', 'blog' and 'chatroom'. They [5] _____ (want) to celebrate nature and preserve some of these lost words. Since it was published in 2017, *The Lost Words* [6] _____ (become) a worldwide bestseller, and many UK schools now have a copy. Recently, Macfarlane and Morris [7] _____ (work) together on a second book.

B



A rare book by the 18th-century scientist Sir Isaac Newton, *Mathematical Principles*, [8] _____ (recently / sell) for £22,000. The owners, a family in Wales, [9] _____ (clean) out their house when they [10] _____ (find) the book on an old bookshelf. They took it to a book expert, Chris Albury, who [11] _____ (confirm) that it was quite valuable. But even he was surprised when a collector in New York paid so much for it – he [12] _____ (expect) it to sell for £15,000 to £20,000. However, in the past other very rich people [13] _____ (pay) much more for rare books, including Bill Gates – in 1994, he [14] _____ (buy) a collection of scientific notes and drawings by Leonardo da Vinci which [15] _____ (cost) almost $31 million.

5 Write questions using the prompts. Then answer the questions using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1 How / writer / hear about Macfarlane's book?
_____
(listen)
_____

2 Why / Macfarlane and Morris / decide / write *The Lost Words*?
_____
(want)
_____

3 What / Macfarlane and Morris / do / recently?
_____
(work on)
_____

4 What / happen / a family in Wales / clean out their house?
_____
(find)
_____

5 Why / Chris Albury / surprised?
_____
(not expect)
_____

6 What / some very rich people / do / in the past?
_____
(pay)
_____

6 Answer the questions so they are true for you.

1 What were you doing this time last year?
_____
2 What books have you read recently?
_____
3 What did you do as soon as you got home yesterday?
_____
4 What are your hobbies and how long have you been doing them?
_____
5 When did you meet your best friend?
_____

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