

Grammar Exercises B2

1. Complete the sentences with the past simple or past continuous form of the verb in brackets.

- 1) I _____ (have) a shower when the postman _____ (arrive).
- 2) Sandra _____ (drop) her bag while she _____ (run) for the bus.
- 3) He _____ (read) the letter when he suddenly _____ (start) to laugh.
- 4) The sun _____ (shine), so we _____ (decide) to have a barbecue.
- 5) She _____ (hurt) her finger while she _____ (cut) some bread.
- 6) Pat _____ (live) in Greece when he _____ (meet) Hannah.

2. Complete the sentences with the past simple or past perfect form of the verbs below.

*arrive / be / complete / decide / finish / get / go / lose /
not know / pass / put / start / take / tell*

- 1) After we _____ eating, we _____ to go to the shops.
- 2) By the time they _____ at the theatre, the play _____
- 3) He only realised he _____ his keys when he _____ to his front door.
- 4) Jerry _____ delighted because he _____ all his exams.
- 5) When everyone _____ a chocolate, she _____ the box away.
- 6) They _____ out for a pizza after they _____ the project.
- 7) I _____ about the accident because no one _____ me about it.

3. Choose the correct verbs to complete the sentences.

- 1) father **worked / has worked** as a policeman since he **left / has left** school.
2) Linda **called / has called** me this morning. She **has decided / decided** to come out with us later.
3) Tom **never drove / has never driven** a car because he's not old enough.
4) I **bought / have bought** a new shirt at the weekend, but I **didn't wear / haven't worn** it yet.
5) Pablo loves Sam Smith's new album, but I **haven't heard / didn't hear** it.
6) I **spilled / have spilled** water on phone earlier; I think I **broke / I've broken** it.

4. Complete the dialogue with the present perfect simple or continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Eve Hi, Will. 1) _____ (you finish) reading that magazine yet?

Will Not quite. I 2) _____ (read) this article about Paris. It's really interesting.

Eve 3) _____ (you visit) France, then?

Will Lots of times – we 4) _____ (go) there on holiday for years. Recently, aunt and uncle 5) _____ (buy) a house there so we'll go even more often.

Eve Lucky you. I 6) _____ (never visit) another country. Anyway,

I 7) _____ (make) a cake if you'd like a piece?

Will That's really kind, but no thanks. I 8) _____ (eat) biscuits all morning and I'm full!

5. Choose the correct verbs (a-c) to complete the text.

Last night, I 1) ___ to music when the phone 2) ____ . It was my sister. She 3) ____ her bag and 4) ____ enough money to get a cab home. She 5) ____ to walk, but when it 6) ____ to rain, she 7) ____ to go to a café. She 8) ____ there and she wanted me to ask if Mum or Dad would drive over and pick her up!

- 1) **a** listened **b** was listening **c** had listened
- 2) **a** rang **b** had rung **c** was ringing
- 3) **a** was losing **b** lost **c** had lost
- 4) **a** didn't have **b** hadn't had **c** wasn't having
- 5) **a** was starting **b** started **c** had started
- 6) **a** began **b** had begun **c** was beginning
- 7) **a** decided **b** was deciding **c** had decided
- 8) **a** had waited **b** was waiting **c** waited

6. Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the correct past tense.

- 1) 'Why is your face so red?' 'I _____ (sit) in the sun all morning.'
- 2) I _____ (try) to do this crossword all morning and I still can't finish it.
- 3) They were driving to the sea when the car _____ (run out) of petrol.
- 4) After they'd woken up, they _____ (cook) a big breakfast.
- 5) Rosa has eaten octopus, but she _____ (not try) snails before!
- 6) I _____ (guess) what was inside the parcel before I opened it.