## 3 GRAMMAR past tenses

**a** Circle a, b, or c.

1 She ____ the gold medal at the last Olympic Games.
**a** won **b** was winning **c** had won

2 I ____ breakfast when I heard the news.
a had b was having c had had

3 I wanted to go for a swim, but I ____ a towel.
a didn't bring b wasn't bringing c hadn't brought

4 Our guests arrived while we ____ the basketball on TV.
a watched b were watching c had watched

5 We ____ any goals in our last match.
a didn't score b weren't scoring c hadn't scored

6 As soon as the film started, I realized that I ____ it before.
a saw b was seeing c had seen

7 I ____ hockey and netball when I was at school.
a played b was playing c had played

8 It was late and people ____ to get home before it got dark.
a hurried b were hurrying c had hurried

9 We were exhausted when we eventually got home – we ____ a very busy day.
a had b were having c had had

10 Sorry. I ____ when you called, so I couldn't answer.
a drove b was driving c had driven

**b** **Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the past simple, past continuous, or past perfect.**

1 When we arrived [ ] (arrive), everyone else *had finished* [ ] (finish) their lunch and they *were sitting* [ ] (sit) in the garden having coffee.

2 They [ ] (drive) to the airport when they suddenly [ ] (remember) that they [ ] (not lock) the back door.

3 I [ ] (not recognize) many people at my school reunion because everyone [ ] (change) a lot in the last 20 years.

4 My sister [ ] (wait) to go out for dinner yesterday when her boyfriend [ ] (call) her to say that he [ ] (not can) come because his car [ ] (break down).

5 Manchester City [ ] (beat) Manchester United yesterday. United [ ] (win) 1–0 in the first half, but City [ ] (score) two goals in the second half.

6 He [ ] (run) to the station, but the nine o'clock train [ ] (already / leave). The station was empty except for two people who [ ] (wait) for the next train.

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**c** Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

# TENNIS AT ITS BEST





The 2008 Wimbledon final between Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal was one of the most exciting tennis matches in the history of the game. It was the third time the two men [1] had played (play) each other in the final of the tournament, and everyone [2] _____ (look forward to) the match. Federer [3] _____ (win) the 2006 and 2007 finals, but this time Nadal [4] _____ (seem) to have a good chance of winning.

The match [5] _____ (begin) at 2.00 p.m. After the first two sets, Nadal [6] _____ (win) 2–0, but during the third set, rain stopped play. When the players [7] _____ (come back) on court, Federer started to play much better, and he [8] _____ (win) the next two sets before rain stopped play for a second time. It [9] _____ (get) late when the match started again, but the spectators [10] _____ (not can) take their eyes off the court.

In the fifth set, the score [11] _____ (reach) 6–6, then 7-7, and then Nadal won the next two games to win the match. After playing for four hours and 48 minutes, Rafael Nadal [12] _____ (beat) Roger Federer to become the Wimbledon Men's Singles champion for the first time.

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