

Exercises

16.1 Read the situations and make sentences from the words in brackets.

- I was very tired when I arrived home.
(I / work / hard all day) *I'd been working hard all day.*
- The two boys came into the house. They had a football and they were both very tired.
(they / play / football)
- I was disappointed when I had to cancel my holiday.
(I / look / forward to it)
- Ann woke up in the middle of the night. She was frightened and didn't know where she was.
(she / dream)
- When I got home, Mark was sitting in front of the TV. He had just turned it off.
(he / watch / a film)

16.2 Read the situations and complete the sentences.

- We played tennis yesterday. Half an hour after we began playing, it started to rain.
We *had been playing for half an hour* when *it started to rain*.
- I had arranged to meet Tom in a restaurant. I arrived and waited for him. After 20 minutes I realised that I was in the wrong restaurant.
I for 20 minutes when I
..... the wrong restaurant.
- Sarah got a job in factory. Five years later the factory closed down.
At the time the factory, Sarah
..... there for five years.
- I went to a concert last week. The orchestra began playing. After about ten minutes a man in the audience suddenly started shouting.
The orchestra when

This time make your own sentence:

- I began walking along the road. I
when

16.3 Put the verb into the most suitable form, past continuous (I was doing), past perfect (I had done) or past perfect continuous (I had been doing).

- It was very noisy next door. Our neighbours *were having* (have) a party.
- We were good friends. *We'd known* (we / know) each other for years.
- John and I went for a walk. I had difficulty keeping up with him because (he / walk) so fast.
- Sue was sitting on the ground. She was out of breath. (she / run).
- When I arrived, everybody was sitting round the table with their mouths full.
..... (they / eat).
- When I arrived, everybody was sitting round the table and talking. Their mouths were empty, but their stomachs were full. (they / eat).
- James was on his hands and knees on the floor. (he / look) for his contact lens.
- When I arrived, Kate (wait) for me. She was annoyed because I was late and (she / wait) for a long time.
- I was sad when I sold my car. (I / have) it for a very long time.
- We were extremely tired at the end of the journey. (we / travel) for more than 24 hours.