

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

1 Match sentence halves 1–6 with a–h and put the verbs into the Past Perfect Simple. There is one extra ending.

0 Beth was embarrassed because she had put on (put on) ☒

1 Dan couldn't order his new trainers online because they _____ (run out) ☐

2 Lee never found his phone. It _____ (fall) ☐

3 Jill couldn't claim her lottery win because someone _____ (steal) ☐

4 John wasn't allowed in the pool because he _____ (not bring) ☐

5 Kyle _____ (never/use) a washing machine before ☐

6 I wish we _____ (not book) ☐

a of his size.

b the winning ticket out of her handbag.

c out of his pocket while he was lying on the grass.

d and had no idea how they worked.

e a swimming cap.

f the car from his dad.

g cinema tickets for 5 p.m. We won't have time for dinner.

h odd socks by mistake that morning.

2 ★★ Complete the sentences with the Past Perfect Simple or the Past Perfect Continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

0 a When we finally landed, the plane had been flying (fly) for fourteen hours.

b When we finally landed, the plane had flown (fly) over 5,900 miles.

1 a Trevor _____ (live) in this town for 20 years before he found out that his next-door neighbour used to be a famous actress.

b Trevor _____ (know) his next-door neighbour for twenty years before he found out she used to be a famous actress.

2 a Vladimir _____ (sneak) out of the house secretly at night for months before he was finally caught.

b Earlier that night, Vladimir _____ (sneak) out of the house without waking his parents.

3 a The security guard _____ (sleep) for hours when the office was broken into.

b The security guard was fired because he _____ (sleep) through the burglary.

3 ★★★ Complete the text with the Past Perfect Simple or the Past Perfect Continuous forms of the verbs below.

always start • correctly predict • do • go off • hear
look forward • love • put up • receive • snow • wait

George and Gina had been waiting for Christmas for roughly 364 days. Ever since they were children, they ¹ _____ everything about the festive season, especially Christmas dinner. And George and Gina ² _____ early. By the end of each summer, they ³ _____ most of their Christmas shopping, and by late October, they ⁴ _____ their tree. Their friends ⁵ _____ Christmas cards in early November for as long as they could remember.

This year, the weather forecasters ⁶ _____ a white Christmas – George and Gina's absolute favourite. Ever since they ⁷ _____ this, they ⁸ _____ to Christmas even more than ever. When George opened the curtains on Christmas morning, he was greeted by a winter wonderland. Unfortunately, when he went downstairs, he discovered it ⁹ _____ so much that the electricity ¹⁰ _____. Christmas dinner was a cold ham sandwich eaten in a dark room next to an unlit tree.

SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

4 Choose the most suitable tense to complete the sentences.

1 The mathematician *had attempted* / *had been attempting* the problem nearly one hundred times before she finally solved it.

2 By midnight, all the guests *had left* / *had been leaving*.

3 Claire was given full marks in the speaking test. She *had revised* / *had been revising* all week long.

4 When the police examined all possible causes of the accident, they discovered that the driver *had probably fallen* / *had probably been falling* asleep behind the wheel.

5 Ryan left the room after the exam *had finished* / *had been finishing*.

6 They *had planned* / *had been planning* the wedding for months when he discovered she was actually in love with someone else.