

Practice

1 Write sentences in the past perfect continuous and the past simple using the words below.

▶▶ 3.05 Listen and check.

0 The explorers / sail / for days / when they / finally see / land

The explorers had been sailing for days when they finally saw land.

1 How long / you / work there / when you / become / a director ?

2 I / not sleep / well / for weeks / when I / have / the accident at work

3 Paul / work / really long hours / for six months / when he / become ill

4 How long / Sarah / take / the medicine / before she / get better ?

5 We / not save / hard enough / so we / not can / go on holiday with the others

2 Complete the sentences with the past perfect continuous of the verbs from the box.

not listen not wear play rain ~~run~~ work

0 Jack was feeling exhausted because he *had been running* for three hours.

1 Barry and Gill were soaked when they arrived because it heavily.

2 Emma found the essay difficult because she in the lecture.

3 Yolanda fell asleep at her desk because she too hard.

4 The children were dirty because they in the garden.

5 Will had got really sunburnt because he any sunscreen.

3 GRAMMAR IN USE Complete the email with phrases from A–H below.

▶▶ 3.06 Listen and check.

Subject Expedition to Bolivia

Hi Liz

Just a quick email to say that I think everyone's ready for the trip tomorrow. I rang round the students this evening to check. Grace has finally got her train ticket – she (0) *H* for it for ages because they (1) a mistake with the time of the train. Irina (2) for her ticket when I spoke to her, so I told her to go online and print it out from there. Lily seems on top of things – she (3) when I called. Oh, Grace had to go out at the last minute and buy a new bag as she (4) two bags before she realised that we can only check in one piece of luggage!

By the way, I haven't got details of the hostel yet. When I spoke to the travel agent yesterday, they (5) enquiries about a better one earlier in the day, and they were waiting to hear back. They're going to call me first thing tomorrow morning. They've been really good, actually – they (6) to change the hostel before calling me because they weren't happy with the first one.

I must go. I (7) to pack before I called the students so I'll finish now. I'll see you at the airport tomorrow evening.

Julia

A was starting

D was packing

G had decided

B had made

E had packed

~~H had been waiting~~

C had been making

F was still waiting