

Practice

A Past Simple, Continuous and Perfect (1–4)

Look at these sentences and then tick the right answer.

- ▶ David and Tom were talking together when a young woman spoke to them.
Which took more time, a) what David and Tom said, or b) what the woman said?
- 1 Mike had put up the tent, but Harriet was still unloading things from the car.
Which finished first, a) putting up the tent, or b) unloading?
- 2 Mark went home and switched off the computer.
What did he do first, a) go home, or b) switch off the computer?
- 3 When Claire arrived, Henry was walking up and down.
Which started earlier, a) Claire's arrival, or b) Henry's walking?
- 4 When Sarah had phoned the office, she drove to the hotel.
Did she phone the office a) before, or b) after driving to the hotel?

B Past Simple and Past Perfect (4)

Write the two sentences as one. Use *when* and the Past Perfect in either the first or the second part of the sentence.

- ▶ I took the book back to the library. I read it.
I took the book back to the library when I'd read it.
- ▶ The students did the experiment. They wrote a report on it.
When the students had done the experiment, they wrote a report on it.
- 1 Nick saved enough money. He bought a motorbike.
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- 2 Mark put all the dishes away. He dried them.
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- 3 I looked both ways. I pulled out into the road.
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- 4 The golfers went into the clubhouse. They played the last hole.
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C Past Simple, Continuous and Perfect (1–4)

Daniel is telling the story of how he forgot his passport. Put the verbs into the correct form.

- (▶) *It happened* (it / happen) last August at the airport. A few weeks before, a group of us
(1) (decide) to go to Greece together for a holiday.
(2) (we / wait) in the queue at passport control when suddenly
(3) (I / realize) that (4) (I / forget) my
passport. (5) (it / be) quite a shock. (6)
(I / hurry) to a phone and (7) (ring) my parents.
(8) (they / work) in the garden, but luckily my mother
(9) (hear) the phone.
(10) (they / find) the passport and immediately
(11) (drive) to the airport with it. (12)
(I / meet) them at the information desk. (13) (we / have) no time to talk,
but (14) (I / say) goodbye to them earlier that morning.
(15) (I / run) all the way to the plane. I was just in time. When
(16) (I / get) there, the passengers (17) (sit)
in their seats ready for take-off. When (18) (they / see) me, everyone
(19) (start) clapping.