

The Past Perfect Tense & The Past Perfect Continuous Tense

Part A

Proofread the following sentences. Underline the mistakes and make corrections above the mistakes.

had stopped

1. The phone stopped ringing before Justin picked it up.
already
2. Samantha arrived at the restaurant but Josh had left ever.
watching
3. I had been watched the Olympics until late last night.
never
4. Connor had yet celebrated Halloween in Ocean Park before.
had taken
5. Ally discovered that the cat took away the keys to the door.
By
6. When the time Jennifer called the police, the thief had already run off.

Part B

Circle the best answers.

1. John is lucky. He got a job as an office assistant last month. He (had been / had been being) unemployed for a year before.
2. I had (ever / never) seen my idol in person until yesterday at the Book Fair. I was overjoyed!
3. How long (had / have) you (waited / been waiting) outside the cinema when your girlfriend arrived?
4. The teacher was angry with the students because they (had been / had not been) paying attention in class all day.
5. I had (yet / already) promised to attend my friend's birthday party before I (had received / received) Elaine's invitation card of her wedding.

Part C

Somebody broke into Mr and Mrs Chan's house yesterday. Read the following police report. Complete it using the simple past, past continuous, past perfect or past perfect continuous tenses of the verbs given in the box.

close go jump enter take be lock watch see not tell
steal wait look for attend return break open remember

Police report: Burglary of Mr Chan's House

Date: 12th January 20XX

Time of incident: 1:00 am

Place: Steven Road, The Peak

At 1:00 am, Mr Chan and Mrs Chan 1. returned home after they 2. had attended a party. When they 3. opened the door of the house, they 4. saw that everything 5. was in a mess and a man 6. was jumping out of the balcony. The burglar 7. had been looking for everywhere for valuables. He 8. had stolen the cash and the jewellery in the bedside cabinet in the bedroom. The worst thing was that he 9. had taken everything from the safe in Mr Chan's study room. Mr Chan said that he 10. had not told anybody about the password of his safe before. He guessed that the burglar 11. had been watching the house for a long time. The burglar 12. had been waiting for Mr and Mrs Chan to leave the house before he 13. broke in. Mrs Chan 14. remembered that she 15. had locked all the doors and windows before they 16. went out. However, Mr Chan said that he 17. had not closed the window of the bathroom properly before leaving home. The burglar most probably 18. had entered into the house through the bathroom window.