

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

- Tom was very tired when he got home.
(He / work / hard all day) He'd been working hard all day.
- The children 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)
- Anna woke up in the middle of the night. She was frightened and didn't know where she was.
(She / have / a bad dream)
- When I got home, Mark was sitting in front of the TV. He had just turned it off.
(He / watch / a film)
- The people waiting at the bus stop were getting impatient. The bus was very late.
(They / wait / a long time)

16.2 Read the situations and complete the sentences.

- We played tennis yesterday. We didn't finish our game.
..... We'd been playing (We / play) for half an hour when it started (it / start) to rain.
- I had arranged to meet Tom in a restaurant. I arrived and waited for him to come.
..... (I / wait) for 20 minutes when
(I / realise) that (I / be) in the wrong restaurant.
- Sarah worked in a company for a long time. The company no longer exists.
At the time the company (go) out of business, Sarah
..... (work) there for twelve years.
- I went to a concert. Soon after the orchestra began playing, something strange happened.
The orchestra (play) for about ten minutes when a man in
the audience suddenly (start) shouting.

Now make your own sentence:

- I began walking along the road. I
when

16.3 Which is right?

- It was noisy next door last night. Our neighbours were having / ~~had been having~~ a party.
(were having is correct)
- At the end of our journey we were extremely tired. We were travelling / We'd been travelling for more than 24 hours.
- James was on his hands and knees on the floor. He was looking / He'd been looking for his contact lens.
- Sue was sitting on the ground. She was out of breath. She was running / She'd been running.
- John and I went for a walk. He was walking / He'd been walking very fast and I had difficulty keeping up with him.
- I was sad when I sold my car. I've had it / I'd had it for a very long time.
- I was sad when my local cafe closed. I was going / I'd been going there for many years.
- I'm running a marathon next month. I've been training / I'd been training for it every day.
- I had arranged to meet Kate, but I was late. When I finally arrived, she was waiting / she'd been waiting for me. She was annoyed because she was waiting / she'd been waiting such a long time.
- 10a Joe and I work for the same company. He joined the company before me. When I started a few years ago, he was already working / he'd already been working there.
- 10b I started working at the company a few years ago. At the time I started, Joe was already working / had already been working there for two years.
- 10c Joe still works for the company. He's been working / He'd been working there a long time now.