

2 Complete the sentences using the past simple or past perfect simple form of the verbs given.

- 1 The teacher didn't let her do the exam because when she arrived, the exam (start).
- 2 When she (write) her letter of application, she sent it.
- 3 He unlocked the door and (step) inside.
- 4 Before today's conversation I (not speak) to the boss.
- 5 When the wind (blow), the leaves on the trees shook.
- 6 They didn't want to see the film again because they (see) it twice already.
- 7 They weren't hungry because they (eat).

3 Choose the best alternative.

- 1 We had waited/been waiting for an hour when finally the director arrived.
- 2 They were tired because they have/had been running for more than an hour.
- 3 By the time we got there, they had eaten/been eating all the food.
- 4 He had written/been writing three novels by the time he was twenty-five.
- 5 She couldn't open the door because she had lost/been losing the key.
- 6 When I saw her face, I knew she had cried/been crying for a long time.
- 7 The two students couldn't do the exercise because they had talked/been talking non-stop throughout the sixty-minute