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a Put the verb in brackets in the past perfect simple (*had done*) or continuous (*had been doing*). If you think both are possible, use the continuous form.

- His English was very good. He *'d been learning* it for five years. (learn)
- 1 My feet were aching. We _____ for hours. (queue)
 - 2 She went to the police, because someone _____ her bag. (steal)
 - 3 The streets were wet. It _____ all morning. (rain).
 - 4 She got to work late because she _____ an accident on the way. (have)
 - 5 I almost didn't recognize him. He _____ a lot since I last saw him. (change)
 - 6 They were very red. They _____ all morning but they _____ any sun cream. (sunbathe, not put on)
 - 7 I could see from their faces that my parents _____. (argue)
 - 8 Jess had a bandage on her arm. She _____ off her bike the day before. (fall)

b Circle the correct verb form.

Meg and Liam McGowan (*got*) / *were getting* a nasty surprise when they ¹*had checked in* / *were checking in* at Heathrow airport yesterday with their baby Shaun. They ²*had won* / *won* three free plane tickets to Rome in a competition and they ³*were looking forward to* / *had been looking forward to* their trip for months. But, unfortunately, they ⁴*had been forgetting* / *had forgotten* to get a passport for their son and so Shaun couldn't fly. Luckily they ⁵*had arrived* / *were arriving* very early for their flight so they still had time to do something about it. They ⁶*had run* / *ran* to the police station in the airport to apply for an emergency passport. Meg ⁷*was going* / *went* with Shaun to the photo machine while Liam ⁸*had filled in* / *was filling in* the forms. The passport was ready in an hour, so they ⁹*hurried* / *were hurrying* back to check-in and finally ¹⁰*caught* / *had caught* their flight.

b Circle the correct verb form. Sometimes both are possible.

- 1 The crew were exhausted because they (*had worked*) / (*had been working*) all night.
- 2 Jess was exhausted because she *had waited* / *had been waiting* for three hours for her flight to board.
- 3 We weren't hungry during the flight because we *had had* / *had been having* a meal earlier in one of the airport restaurants.
- 4 After I *had picked up* / *had been picking up* my luggage, I took a taxi to my hotel.
- 5 My mother couldn't move her legs because she *had sat* / *had been sitting* down for so long.
- 6 My flight arrived late because it *hadn't taken off* / *hadn't been taking off* on time.

c Complete the text with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

My parents ¹ *had never flown* (never fly) before, and so they were very nervous when we ² _____ (arrive) at Heathrow Airport to take our flight to Benidorm in Spain. I ³ _____ (leave) them at the terminal building with instructions to get in the queue at the check-in desk while I ⁴ _____ (go) to park my car in the long-term car park. However, when I ⁵ _____ (get) to the check-in desk myself, they were nowhere in sight. I ⁶ _____ (look) for them everywhere until it suddenly occurred to me that they ⁷ _____ (already / check in) and they ⁸ _____ (wait) for me in the departure lounge. This was a real problem because I ⁹ _____ (give) all the tickets to my mother, including my own, and so I couldn't check in myself. I immediately ¹⁰ _____ (call) my parents on their mobile. I was right; they ¹¹ _____ (check in) and gone through to the departure lounge. They ¹² _____ (wait) for me for nearly half an hour at the gate with my ticket in their hands! Luckily a flight attendant went and fetched my ticket, and I finally joined them at the departure gate!

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5 PRONUNCIATION irregular past forms

a Write the irregular past simple forms.

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|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 /peɪd/ <i>paid</i> _____ | 6 /fluː/ _____ |
| 2 /brɔːt/ _____ | 7 /wʌn/ _____ |
| 3 /sed/ _____ | 8 /tʊk/ _____ |
| 4 /rəʊt/ _____ | 9 /tɔːt/ _____ |
| 5 /bɪlt/ _____ | 10 /hɜːd/ _____ |

b Practise saying the words in a.

More Words to Learn

Write translations and try to remember the words.

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
cabin (noun)	/'kæbɪn/	
miracle (noun)	/mɪrə'kəl/	
shortage (noun)	/'ʃɔːtɪdʒ/	
swan (noun)	/swɒn/	
turbulence (noun)	/'tɜːbjələns/	
wheelchair (noun)	/'wiːltʃeə/	
cling (clung) (verb)	/klɪŋ/	
scream (verb)	/skriːm/	
stagger (verb)	/'stæɡə/	
be about to	/biː əbaʊt tə/	

LISTENING

a Listen to a radio programme about the pilot Amelia Earhart. What was she famous for and what happened to her in the end?

b Listen again and mark the statements T (True) or F (False), according to the speaker.

- 1 Amelia was excited when she first saw a plane. _____
- 2 An experience at a flying exhibition made her want to fly. _____
- 3 Amelia's father gave her the money for her flying lessons. _____
- 4 She was taught to fly by a woman. _____
- 5 She named her first plane after a bird. _____
- 6 It took Amelia less than two years to get her pilot's licence. _____
- 7 Amelia's first flight across the Atlantic was as a passenger. _____
- 8 Her second attempt to fly around the world was in 1947. _____
- 9 Amelia and her co-pilot nearly completed their round-the-world trip. _____

c Listen again with the tapescript on p.75 and try to guess the meaning of any words that you don't know. Then check in your dictionary.

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