

Past Time

1. Choose the most suitable tense. The first one is done for you.

1. I suddenly remembered that I forgot/had forgotten my keys.
2. was watching
3. used to live
4. was driving
5. had gone
6. had eaten
7. was doing
8. used to like
9. were you doing
10. had told
11. used to

2. Put each verb in brackets into a suitable tense. All sentences refer to past time. Only use the past perfect where this is absolutely necessary.

1. While I (try) was trying to get my car started, a passing car (stop) stopped and the driver (offer) offered to help me.
2. paid, had phoned
3. was not wearing, didn't notice, was driving
4. lay, were feeding
5. admitted, had hit, hadn't damaged
6. wasn't listening, was thinking
7. felt/was feeling, was finishing, fell
8. got, had disappeared
9. phoned, didn't answer, were you doing
10. didn't go, was raining

3. Put each verb in brackets into a suitable past tense.

1. *invited*
2. did not hesitate
3. had discovered
4. had ever been
5. believed
6. never existed/had never existed
7. felt
8. vanished / had vanished
9. become / had become
10. had hidden

11. believed
12. were still keeping / still kept
13. set off
14. was looking forward
15. climbed
16. studied
17. were resting
18. noticed
19. was waving
20. shone / were shining

4. Rewrite each sentence, beginning as shown, using a participle clause.

1. Norman collected the parcel, but then he realized it was the wrong one.
After **collecting the parcel, Norman realized it was the wrong one.**
2. Before leaving the house, Sue checked the she had her keys.
3. While parking his car, Mark noticed the wing-mirror was broken.
4. After cleaning the house, Julia fell asleep on the sofa.
5. Before buying a new television, Brian checked all the proces.
6. While skiing in Switzerland, Alan met his old friend, Ken.
7. After taking two aspirins, Kate felt a lot better.
8. After reading the book, Trudy decided (that) she didn't like it.