

2 Grammar consolidation

Past simple and past continuous

1 Complete the sentences with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- We saw (see) Kelly while we were travelling on the bus.
- 1 I _____ (not listen) to my mum when she was talking to me this morning.
- 2 Paul _____ (go) to the park while I was reading a magazine.
- 3 While Jenny _____ (travel) on her own she felt quite lonely.
- 4 He _____ (look) for ideas for his book when he read about the mystery.
- 5 When I was talking to Lucy, my phone _____ (ring).

Past perfect

2 Circle the correct words.

- By the time we got to the bus station, we had / have missed the last bus.
- 1 He arrived at 8 pm, and the party **did** / **had** already started.
- 2 I **hadn't** / **haven't** read the play before I saw it at the theatre.
- 3 They went out to dinner after they **have** / **had** been to the cinema.
- 4 We **had** / **have** already bought our tickets when Matt told us that the film was terrible.
- 5 Lucy **was** / **had** left for the airport when Dan got to her house.
- 6 I knew she would be late because she **had** / **has** phoned me from the bus stop.
- 7 We **haven't** / **hadn't** been to the Chinese restaurant, but we decided to try it.

3 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

after (x2) already before ~~by then~~ by the time

- We arrived at 2 pm and by then most people had finished lunch.
- 1 I had been to the museum _____, so I knew what it was like.
- 2 We had _____ seen the film, so we talked through most of it!
- 3 _____ I had spoken to Jenny on the phone, I booked the concert tickets.
- 4 _____ we left the party, it had started to rain!
- 5 _____ I had studied Spanish I went to live in Spain for a year.

