

A Context listening

1 You are going to hear a teenage boy called Richard talking to his mother. Before you listen, look at the picture. How has Richard spent the weekend?



How does his mother feel?

Why?

2 Listen and check if you were right.

3 Listen again and fill in the gaps. Stop the recording when you need to.

Richard: I'd *done* (1) the ceiling, and I (2) one wall, when I (3) paint ...

Richard: And yesterday afternoon I (4) bored. I (5) to town for a few hours - you know round the centre. I (6) the shopping - everything on your list - and I (7) all my homework ...

Mother: I (8) for an hour when the car (9) ...

4 Look at your answers to Exercise 3 and answer these questions.

- 1 Look at answers 1, 2 and 3. Did 3 happen before or after 1 and 2? What tenses does Richard use?
- 2 Look at answers 4, 5, 6 and 7. Did 4 happen before or after 5, 6 and 7? What tenses does Richard use?
- 3 Look at answers 8 and 9. Which happened first? What tenses does Richard's mother use?

Fill in the gaps with the past simple, the past perfect or the past perfect continuous of the verb in brackets.

- 1 I'd ~~never ridden~~ (never ride) a bike until I ~~wasn't~~ (go) to live in Amsterdam.
- 2 When Martin (come) into the room, his mother nearly (faint) because she (see) him for nearly 20 years.
- 3 We were held up in a traffic jam so the concert (begin) by the time we (arrive).
- 4 How long (you applying) for jobs when you (get) this one?
- 5 (you ever do) any carpentry before you (build) that cupboard?
- 6 I (not see) Lisa when I went round last night because she (go) to stay with her grandmother.
- 7 As soon as I (sit) down on the train, I realised that I (leave) my passport at home.
- 8 I (drive) for about four hours when I (realize) that I was completely lost.
- 9 When I (go) into the room, everyone (stop) talking and (look) at me.
- 10 After he (wash) his clothes, he (hang) them outside to dry.
- 11 The manager was shocked when he (discover) that Jane was a thief. Up until then, he (believe) that she was completely honest.