



**4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the past perfect continuous of the verbs in brackets.**

- We had been living (live) in Cairo for two years before we moved to Alexandria.
- It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) in the village, so the streets were wet.
- \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ (water) the plants when the accident happened?
- She \_\_\_\_\_ (not cycle) in the forest for long when she saw a deer.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (look) forward to seeing the bright lights of the city for months.
- \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in our district when you first met?

**5 Look at the pictures, complete the questions and write short answers. Use the words given and the past perfect continuous.**



the sun / shine  
Had the sun been shining  
 all year?



the woman / drinking juice  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 at the café?



she / paint  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 when you arrived?



it / snow  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 for days on the mountain?



Louis / wait / for long  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 when his sister turned up?



they / sleep  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 when you saw them?

**6 Complete the sentences with the past perfect continuous of these verbs.**

build   not walk   plant   stand   talk   wait

- Pablo had been talking to the farmer for over an hour.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ at the traffic lights when an ambulance rushed past.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ round the town for long when they met their cousin.
- The company \_\_\_\_\_ skyscrapers in the town centre when the owner died.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the gardener \_\_\_\_\_ flowers at the time?
- I \_\_\_\_\_ on a table when I slipped and fell.

# Lesson 2

## 1 Complete the word groups with these words.

adventure playground shy community wildlife suburb

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|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 botanical garden | public park   | <u>adventure playground</u> |
| 2 residential area | neighbourhood | _____                       |
| 3 animals          | creatures     | _____                       |
| 4 sensitive        | timid         | _____                       |
| 5 residents        | neighbours    | _____                       |

## 2 Complete the poster with these words.

attract community centre urban chaos residential city landscape

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL RESIDENTS**

SAVE OUR (1) urban WILDLIFE! PROTECT OUR WOODLAND.



On Wednesday 30 September at 6 p.m. there will be a meeting in the (2) \_\_\_\_\_. We will be discussing how to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ more wildlife to our neighbourhood by protecting our woodland. Housing developments nearby have caused (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to our local populations of birds and animals. We need to keep and expand the green areas of our (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Everyone is welcome to come along to share ideas.

Let's all do our best to improve our (6) \_\_\_\_\_ area!

## 3 Circle the correct words.

- Marmosets are very **strenuous** / adaptable. They can live in the forest or the city.
- There's nothing I enjoy more than cycling in open **country** / **traffic**.
- What's the best way to **attract** / **conflict** wildlife into our gardens?
- Wildlife often comes from open country to the **landscapes** / **suburbs** at night.
- Bears have very **shy** / **sensitive** noses. They can smell food 30 km away.
- A wild elephant caused **chaos** / **bustle** in a shopping mall in India last year.

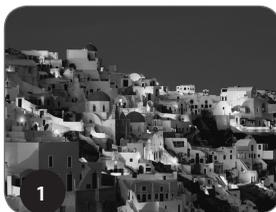
**4 Choose the correct answers.**

- 1 They \_\_\_\_\_ the animals, so they were soaked.  
**a** washed  
**b** have washed  
**c** had been washing
- 2 This community \_\_\_\_\_ a lot since I was a child.  
**a** has changed  
**b** has been changing  
**c** was changed
- 3 The residents had \_\_\_\_\_ for a long time what the noise was.  
**a** wonder  
**b** been wondering  
**c** wondering
- 4 Polar bears \_\_\_\_\_ living at the zoo for ten years.  
**a** have been  
**b** have been being  
**c** were being
- 5 We \_\_\_\_\_ the destruction of the natural habitat for decades before action was taken.  
**a** caused  
**b** had been causing  
**c** had caused
- 6 The wild boar had \_\_\_\_\_ by the time we reached the area.  
**a** been disappearing  
**b** been disappeared  
**c** disappeared

**5 Complete the sentences with the past perfect simple or the past perfect continuous of the verbs in brackets.**

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ **Had** \_\_\_\_\_ the boy **been looking** (look) at the ducks when he fell into the water?
- 2 The adventure playground \_\_\_\_\_ (not built) by 2017.
- 3 Researchers \_\_\_\_\_ (study) the creature for months when it gave birth.
- 4 They \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) through mud, so they were very dirty.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ the botanical garden \_\_\_\_\_ (improve) since the last time you went there?
- 6 We \_\_\_\_\_ (not live) in the suburbs for long when I had to change job.

**6 Look at the pictures and write short answers to the questions.**



**X**  
 Had all the lights gone out in the village?  
**No, they hadn't.**



**✓**  
 Had the picture been painted on the house?  
 \_\_\_\_\_



**✓**  
 Had the boy been baking cakes?  
 \_\_\_\_\_



**✓**  
 Had the cars stopped to let the people cross the road?  
 \_\_\_\_\_



**X**  
 Had he been riding the donkey home?  
 \_\_\_\_\_



**✓**  
 Had the tree been cut down?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

# Lesson 3

## Vocabulary

### 1 Write the correct words.

bicycle lane    bright lights    country park    inner city    remote location    shopping mall



1 inner city



3 \_\_\_\_\_



5 \_\_\_\_\_



2 \_\_\_\_\_



4 \_\_\_\_\_



6 \_\_\_\_\_

### 2 Complete the dialogue with these words.

inner    picturesque    drawbacks    peace    remote    city centre    bright    rural

**James:** Hey, Dan, is it true that you're moving house?

**Dan:** Yes, it is. My parents had been thinking about it for quite a while, then last month they made their minds up.

**James:** But I thought your family liked living in the (1) inner city? There's so much to do here.

**Dan:** Well, I think when my parents first moved here they enjoyed the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ lights and the hustle and bustle of the city. But there were only the two of them then. Now we're a family of five and we need more space. We've got a nice apartment here, but there are (3) \_\_\_\_\_. For a start, I have to share a bedroom with my brother. Also, we'd all like to have a garden. In the village we're moving to, we can buy a big house with plenty of land. Look, here it is on a map.

**James:** Well, that sounds great. But isn't it a bit (4) \_\_\_\_\_? It looks a long way to the nearest city.

**Dan:** That's true. But it's a really (5) \_\_\_\_\_ location. Look, here's a photo of the house we went to see yesterday.

**James:** Cool. Where will your parents work, though? It's hard to find work in the countryside.

**Dan:** That's no problem. My mum's a doctor, and there's a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ practice that she's going to work for. She thinks it will be easier than working in the (7) \_\_\_\_\_. And my dad works at home anyway. He's a writer. He says he'll get more work done in the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and quiet of the countryside.

**James:** So are you happy about the move?

**Dan:** Absolutely. I'll get my own bedroom! There'll be space for you to come and stay, too. It'll be fun.

## Speaking

- 3** Complete the table about your perfect place to live. Put a tick (✓) or a cross (X).

### Remember!

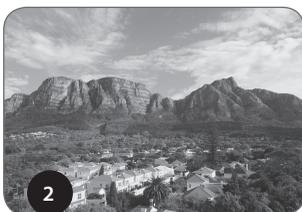
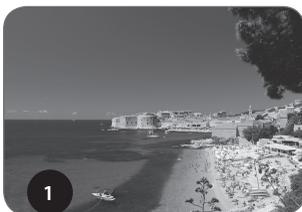
When we are justifying our choices we use expressions like these.  
 More people would benefit from ...  
 ... only appeals to young / old / sporty / people.  
 ... would be more useful / better for the whole community.  
 ... is more necessary / important than ...  
 ... is missing in this city / town / village.  
 I think it's a good idea to ... because ...  
 There's a real need for ...  
 I don't see the point in + -ing ... / ... is pointless.  
 It's a waste of money to + infinitive ... / ... is a waste of money.

	It must have ...	I don't want ...	I don't mind if it has ...
cinema			
countryside			
emergency services			
good schools			
open space			
peace and quiet			
picturesque surroundings			
public parks			
restaurants			
sea			
shopping mall			
sports centre			

- 4** Look at the task and pictures in Activity 5 and complete these sentences based on your choices.

- Living \_\_\_\_\_ only appeals to \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is more important to me than \_\_\_\_\_.
- I think it's a good idea to \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.
- I don't see the point in \_\_\_\_\_.

- 5** Look at the pictures again and talk to your partner about where you would like to live and where you would not like to live. Remember to justify your choices.



### Discussion

'The peace and quiet of the countryside only appeals to old people.' Discuss.

## Lesson 4

### Vocabulary

#### 1 Circle the correct words.

- 1 I had never been in **such a** / **so** scary situation before.
- 2 It was the first **hour** / **time** I had ever been inside a cave.
- 3 The thunderstorm was really **terrified** / **scary**.
- 4 The wind was howling and it was **absolutely** / **immediately** freezing.
- 5 **At** / **In** the end of the day, we all got home safely.
- 6 As **fast** / **soon** as we reached land, we jumped out of the boat.
- 7 I set the dog free **without** / **then** thinking.
- 8 All of a **moment** / **sudden** he started screaming.

#### Remember!

When we are telling stories we use narrative tenses. The past simple, the past continuous, the past perfect simple and the past perfect continuous are the most common narrative tenses. Remember we normally only use present tenses if our story contains direct speech with speech marks.

### Model writing task

#### 2 Read the writing task and the model story below. Underline all examples of the past simple, past continuous, past perfect simple and past perfect continuous. How many examples are there of each tense?

Write a story which begins with this sentence:

'We had all been looking forward to seeing the bright lights of the city.'

#### model composition

#### London calling!

We had all been looking forward to seeing the bright lights of the city. Olivia, Stefano and I had been planning the trip to London for weeks and we were determined to have the time of our lives.

When we arrived at Euston Station we were all extremely excited. We had never been in such a huge train station before and we weren't used to all its hustle and bustle.

As soon as we got off the train, we headed for the London Eye. We had heard it was fantastic. Before long we were up in the sky looking at the entire city from above.

All of a sudden Stefano started shaking badly. He had gone absolutely white and looked terrified. It was the first time he had been so high up. But there was nothing we could do. We had to wait until the wheel stopped to get off.

About an hour and three cups of strong tea later, Stefano was feeling fine again. We continued our visit to the capital and at the end of the day we all agreed it had been one of the most interesting days of our lives.

# Grammar

## 3 Choose the correct answers.

1 We had decided to head for \_\_\_\_\_ River Seine.

- a the
- b a
- c -

2 Can you tell me where \_\_\_\_\_ nearest hospital is?

- a -
- b the
- c a

3 Let's go to a restaurant in town for \_\_\_\_\_ supper.

- a the
- b a
- c -

4 I didn't know your dad was from \_\_\_\_\_ Malta.

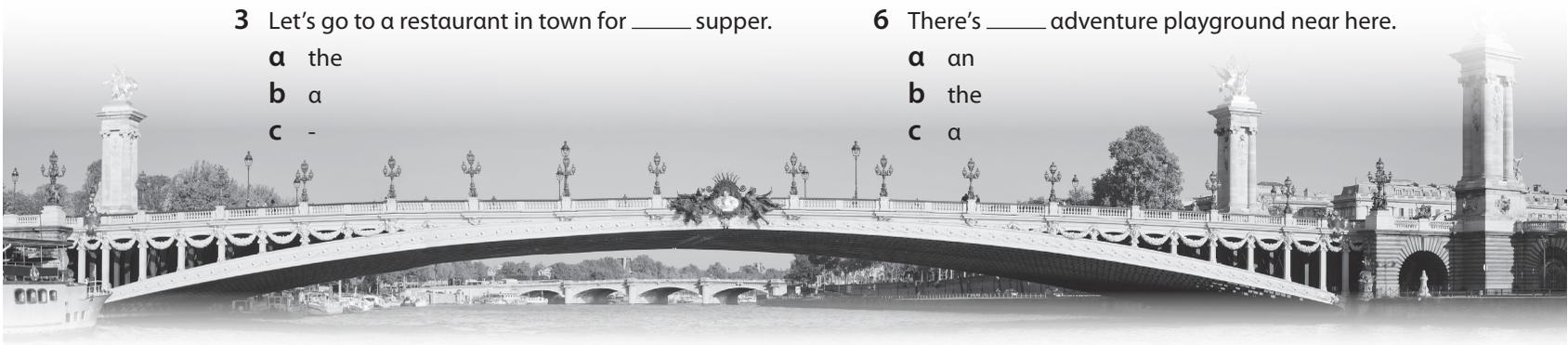
- a -
- b a
- c the

5 He's \_\_\_\_\_ man who works at the country practice.

- a a
- b -
- c the

6 There's \_\_\_\_\_ adventure playground near here.

- a an
- b the
- c a



## 4 Underline and correct the errors in some of the sentences. Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

1 There are too many the distractions in big cities.

many distractions

2 This is a most beautiful bridge I've ever seen.

3 Lack of facilities is a drawback in most rural areas.

4 We're going to theatre this evening.

5 Is there hospital in this town?

6 What are we having for the lunch?

7 She wrote a shocking report on inner cities.

8 Let's stop here for the bite to eat.

## Your writing task

### 5 Read the writing task and complete the plan for your story with your own ideas based on the sentence given.

Write a story that begins with this sentence:

*'It was the most picturesque village I had ever been to.'*

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph 5: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6 Now write your story.

**1** Read the text about a special festival on Moab Mountain.



**Look Mum! No hands!**

Moab Mountain in Utah, USA, is a breathtaking place to visit. This is desert land and its cliffs and canyons are made of hard, red rock. It's the perfect destination for those who want a break from the hustle and bustle of the city, but who also want all the fun of an extreme location. Moab is a popular venue for mountain biking, half marathons and Jeep safari. In recent years, it has also become a unicycling playground.

Every year at the end of March, the International Moab Mountain Unicycle Festival takes place. The first festival, which was held in 2000, had only five participants. However, today the festival attracts around 200 participants as well as hundreds of spectators. Riders of all abilities turn up to show off their skills on these funny bikes with one wheel.

During the festival there are competitions for the riders. Beginners compete to see who can ride the longest using only one foot to pedal. Professional riders take more risks and take part in a competition where they jump down sheer drops in the rock. There's also a 'joker' competition in which participants compete to see who can ride the longest on a unicycle which doesn't have a seat. There are great prizes on offer. Even spectators are given the chance to win a prize by buying raffle tickets.

Moab doesn't just attract cyclists during the annual festival, however. Around 150,000 riders come here throughout the year to practise their favourite sport. Moab provides them with much more of a challenge than open country does. This makes it one of the world's most thrilling locations for riders. In fact, it has become so popular that there are now many campsites and hotels in the district to provide accommodation for extreme sports enthusiasts. If you're a cycling fan, then why not get on your bike and head for the mountains?

**2** Write *T* for (True) and *F* for (False).

- 1 Moab Mountain is part of a desert.
- 2 Bicycles are the only vehicles allowed on Moab Mountain.
- 3 200 people participated in the first Unicycle Festival.
- 4 Professional riders always use unicycles that they can't sit on.
- 5 Moab attracts visitors all year round.
- 6 Visitors don't have to stay in tents.

## Vocabulary

### 3 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 That dancer has a great sense of \_\_\_\_\_.  
a height  
**b balance**  
c routine
- 2 What are the pros and \_\_\_\_\_ of playing volleyball?  
a cons  
b outs  
c drawbacks
- 3 There are many amazing plant species in the \_\_\_\_\_ garden.  
a replica  
b botanical  
c adventure
- 4 We're raising money to pay for our team's \_\_\_\_\_ on tour.  
a performer  
b teamwork  
c accommodation
- 5 I haven't seen another player like her; she's quite \_\_\_\_\_.  
a common  
b safe  
c unique
- 6 It was absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ to ride across open country.  
a exhilarating  
b timid  
c privileged
- 7 To go \_\_\_\_\_ you need not to be afraid of heights.  
a quad biking  
b paragliding  
c bodyboarding
- 8 I wouldn't choose him as the new trainer. He seems \_\_\_\_\_.  
a safe  
b professional  
c amateurish
- 9 We felt a bit let \_\_\_\_\_ when we couldn't go bungee jumping.  
a in on  
b down  
c out
- 10 The supporters have stopped \_\_\_\_\_ the team.  
a showing off  
b letting off  
c cheering on
- 11 Our guide was great – really \_\_\_\_\_.  
a sufficient  
b picturesque  
c professional
- 12 No more \_\_\_\_\_ and gloom! We're going to win!  
a room  
b hustle  
c doom

## Grammar

### 4 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Let's gaze at \_\_\_\_\_ moon.  
a -  
b a  
**c the**
- 2 Bungee jumping was \_\_\_\_\_ fantastic experience.  
a an  
b a  
c the
- 3 I \_\_\_\_\_ my leg so I can't go hiking.  
a have been breaking  
b had broken  
c have broken
- 4 It's \_\_\_\_\_ to go cycling. Let's stay in instead.  
a too windy  
b windy enough  
c enough windy
- 5 1993 was the year in \_\_\_\_\_ the community centre opened.  
a which  
b when  
c that
- 6 The player \_\_\_\_\_ round the field when he saw his aunt.  
a had been running  
b has been running  
c had ran
- 7 The artist \_\_\_\_\_ me to take up painting.  
a has been inspiration  
b has inspired  
c had been inspire
- 8 Is that the trainer \_\_\_\_\_ gave you a lift home?  
a that  
b -  
c whom
- 9 Ocean Park is \_\_\_\_\_ popular attraction.  
a the  
b a  
c -
- 10 'Have you been waiting long?' 'No, \_\_\_\_\_.'  
a we hadn't  
b we haven't  
c you haven't
- 11 The inner city isn't \_\_\_\_\_ for me to live in.  
a enough picturesque  
b too picturesque  
c picturesque enough
- 12 This is the park \_\_\_\_\_ we first met.  
a when  
b where  
c which