Past simple, past continuous and past perfect; *used to* and *would*

1 **Join the two sentences using the words given and put the verbs in the correct tense.**

1 I felt nervous. I never travelled by plane before. (because)

2 We read a few travel books. We decided to visit Patagonia. (before)

3 The area was very clean. Some responsible residents cleaned up all the rubbish. (after)

4 I managed to talk to the local people. I learnt a few words before the trip. (because)

5 I never thought that travelling could harm the environment. I read that story in the paper. (before)

6 I got on the train. I asked the conductor if that was the train to Oxford. (after)

2 **Complete with the past simple, past perfect or past continuous form of these verbs. There are four extra verbs.**

be (×3) • come • cry • die • feel • get • have (×2) • seem • sleep • stay • take • travel • get lost • want

1 'What .... your hotel like?'
  'Oh it .... amazing – I ....
  (never) in a five-star hotel before.'

2 '............................... (you) a good night's sleep?'
  'Yes, I slept very well. I .... (still) when everybody else .... breakfast.'

3 'Why .... (you) the train? It's such a long journey from Paris to London.'
  'I know, but I .... to go through the Channel Tunnel.'

4 '............................... Tom excited about his trip to Mexico?'
  'Of course. He .... as if a lifelong dream .... true.'

5 'Why .... (the kids)?'
  'Because they .... (lost) in the safari park.'

3 **Rewrite these sentences using *used to* or *would*.**

1 We went on backpacking holidays but we haven't been on one for ages.

2 I remember this place being totally uncontaminated.

3 Marie enjoyed scuba diving when she was younger.

4 My parents were in the habit of planning their holidays very carefully.

5 The writer said that she usually took inspiration from looking at nature.

4 **Find and correct the mistakes. There are three incorrect sentences.**

1 She loves travelling and she uses to get away whenever she can.

2 It was eight o'clock but the bus hadn't come yet.

3 The teacher was explaining something to me when the bell went off.

4 He was wide awake all night because he never slept in a tent before.

5 I remember one exciting day when I stayed in Germany.

6 When we were camping, we would have breakfast outdoors.

5 **Choose the best answers to complete the text.**

Once the fear of flying (**1**) .... to stop many people from getting on a plane. But then airline companies started to offer Fearless Flyer courses and travelling has never been easier. We can read lots of success stories of people who (**2**) .... they were never going to take a flight again, but then, after a ground session with a pilot, haven't stopped flying since. One of these stories reads as follows: 'I've always loved travelling, and this fear (**3**) .... to ruin my holidays as well as my friendships. Normally, my friends (**4**) .... and I (**5**) .... a train, or more than one. Once it took me two days to join my friends, and they weren't happy at all. Then I (**6**) .... about the Fearless Flyer course. I must confess that when I booked I thought I (**7**) .... my money, but I was wrong. The pilot and the flight assistant were amazing – they explained to us how to control our fear, how a plane flies, and then answered all our questions. My flight was the next day. I was a bit nervous, but the flight assistant was always telling us exactly what (**8**) .... at each moment. Then I did the relaxation techniques they (**9**) .... us the day before, and by the time the plane (**10**) ...., all my fears had gone.'

	A	**B**	**C**	**D**
1	would	used to	use to	used
2	would promise	used to promise	had promised	were promising
3	used to start	was starting	started	had started
4	would fly	used to fly	had flown	A or B
5	was taking	would take	had taken	have taken
6	heard	had heard	was hearing	used to hear
7	wasted	was wasting	used to waste	A or C
8	happened	used to happen	was happening	had happened
9	taught	used to teach	were teaching	had taught
10	had took off	would take off	used to take off	took off