

Part 1 Complete the sentences

Choose the correct verb forms to complete the sentences so they are true for you. (**Note:** for the examples marked *, the choice of tense depends on your personal answer.)

When I started work today, I had / was having / had already had / hadn't had breakfast.
(**Concept check:** This means I had breakfast before / after / at the same time that I started work.)*

When I started primary school, I learned / had learned / was learning to write.
(**Concept check:** This means that I learned to write before / after I started school or I could write a little when I started school.)*

When I left school, I had been / was going / had been going to _____ [number] countries.

When I left my last job, I worked / had been working / was working there for _____ [number] years.

When I got married I went out / was going out / had gone out / had been going out with my girl /boy friend for _____ [number] years.

I took / didn't take an umbrella with me this morning because it rained / didn't rain / hadn't rained / had rained / wasn't raining / was raining.

When I got to the class this evening, the lesson started / was starting / hadn't started / had started.

(**Concept check:** This means I was early / exactly on time / late for the lesson.)*

When I woke up this morning, my mum / dad / husband / wife / brother / sister / flatmate (other) got up / was getting up / had got up / hadn't got up yet.

(This means I got up before / after / at the same time as my mum/dad etc.)*

Part 2 - Compare with your partner

Now compare your answers with your partner.

Find out the following where appropriate:

- * Which of you arrived in class first today?
- * Who did their last job the longest?
- * Who went out with their partner the longest before getting married?
- * Who travelled the most as a child?
- * Who is the earliest riser?

Take it in turns to read a sentence at random to your partner and ask, 'How about you?'

Answers

When I started work today, I had / was having / had already had / hadn't had breakfast.
(No correct answer. The answer depends on you , but 'was having' is unlikely!)

When I started primary school, I learned / had learned / was learning to write.
(No correct answer. The answer depends on you.)

When I left school, I **had been** to _____ [number] countries

When I left my last job, I **had been working** there for _____ [number] years.

When I got married I **had been going out with** my girl /boy friend for _____ [number] years

I did / didn't take an umbrella with me this morning because it **wasn't raining / was raining.**

When I got to the class this evening, the lesson started / was starting / hadn't started / had started.
(No correct answer. The answer depends on you.)

When I woke up this morning, my mum / dad / husband / wife / brother / sister / dog / cat got up / was getting up / had got up / hadn't got up yet.
(No correct answer. The answer depends on you.)