

1 Circle the correct verb forms.

- By the time Aung San Suu Kyi **(was)** / *had been* finally freed in 2010 she *was* / *had been* kept under house arrest for 20 years.
- Mother Teresa died in 1997. She *was* / *had been* buried in Calcutta where she *was* / *had been* helping the poor Calcutta for nearly 50 years.
- By the end of the fighting hundreds of people *were* / *had been* killed. A memorial *was* / *had been* built to commemorate them.
- The antibiotic Penicillin *was* / *had been* used for the first time in the Second World War, although it *was* / *had been* discovered over 10 years earlier.

2 Complete the sentences. Use the past continuous, past perfect and past perfect continuous form of the verbs in bold.

travel

- I ***had been travelling*** all night, so I was absolutely exhausted.
- I first met my boyfriend when I to Edinburgh.
- I by helicopter before so I was a bit nervous.

eat

- By the time I arrived there was nothing left: they everything.
- Someone garlic – there was a very strong smell.
- I breakfast when the postman arrived with a big parcel.

3 Tick (✓) the correct sentences. Correct the wrong sentences.

- This church had been built in the fifteenth century. ☒
..... *was built*
- Joe was upset when he found out he hadn't been chosen for the team. ☐
- The city had been changing enormously since my first visit. ☐
- Nobody knew what to do because the exercise hadn't been explaining properly. ☐
- The World Cup Final was watched by millions of viewers all over the world. ☐
- He'd been waited outside for an hour because he didn't have the key. ☐

4 Complete the sentences with the verbs in the box. Use the past perfect passive or the past perfect continuous.

cook live paint play
revise not tell send

- I ***'d been revising*** all morning but I couldn't remember a thing.
- The house looked lovely. It from top to bottom.
- We only there a few months when our flat was burgled.
- The meal was absolutely delicious. They all day.
- The postcard from Sydney but there was no name on it.
- Everyone complained because we about the test.
- Marc hadn't tidied up: he computer games all afternoon.