



Timeline Answers

Below are some possible answers to describe the actions shown on the timelines. We have added some keywords to make the sentences sound more natural, but the important thing is that the tenses you have used for each action in the sentences are correct.

1. My daughter had finished her homework by the time I arrived home.
2. I wanted to give the report to my colleague, but she had already left work.
3. We had been watching a film when my mum arrived home.
4. The children had been playing in the garden which is why they were covered in mud.
5. He had already answered the phone before I got to it.
6. We had been listening to music when my grandparents arrived at my house.
7. He had been talking to his boss for a long time before I arrived at his workplace.
8. We had just started the film before my aunty arrived to watch it with us.
9. I arrived home to share some ice-cream with my children, but they had already finished the tub.
10. By the time my boyfriend arrived home from work, I had finished watching the TV series *Friends*.
11. I only noticed I had the wrong key after I had been trying to open the door for 10 minutes!
12. We had been driving on the motorway when we saw a stranded car at the side.
13. Luckily, I had finished printing my project before the printer ink ran out.
14. My youngest daughter fell over whilst we had been feeding the ducks in the park.
15. We asked the managers some questions after they had given a presentation.

16. We started to decorate the Christmas tree after we had been listening to Christmas music all day.
17. My phone had run out of battery, so I needed to charge it.
18. I had already known about the merger before the newspaper reported it.
19. I had been preparing dinner when the children arrived home from work.
20. I had been writing a letter when I spilled coffee all over the table!