Practice

1 **Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.**

a) When you passed the town hall clock, *did you notice/were you noticing* what time it was?
b) Last night my neighbours *were shouting/would shout* for hours and I couldn't get to sleep.
c) When you lived in London, *did you use to travel/were you travelling* by bus?
d) Everyone was having a good time, although not many people *danced/were dancing*.
e) Jill was really hungry because she *didn't eat/hadn't eaten* all day.
f) Before we went to the theatre, we *called in/had called in* at George's café for a pizza.
g) It took a while for me to notice, but then I did. Everyone *stared/was staring* at me. What had I done wrong?
h) Nobody bothered to tell me that the school *decided/had decided* to have a special holiday on Friday.
i) I *was trying/tried* to get in touch with you all day yesterday. Where were you?
j) A: Excuse me, but this seat is mine.
B: I'm sorry, I *didn't realise/hadn't realised* that you were sitting here.



2 **Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.**

a) *Once/Afterwards* I'd read the manual, I found I could use the computer easily.
b) It was more than a month *before/until* I realised what had happened.
c) I managed to talk to Carol just *as/while* she was leaving.
d) It wasn't *until/up to* 1983 that Nigel could afford to take holidays abroad.
e) George always let me know *by the time/whenever* he was going to be late.
f) I was having a bath *at the time/that time*, so I didn't hear the doorbell.
g) We bought our tickets and five minutes *after/later* the train arrived.
h) According to Grandpa, people used to dress formally *those days/in his day*.
i) Everyone was talking but stopped *at that time/the moment* Mr Smith arrived.
j) The letter still hadn't arrived *by/until* the end of the week.