**Some further tenses: Rules**

*I. Read the following sentences. Note down the tenses of the underlined verbs.*

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| 1 | 1. It was the summer of 1975. My parents had both died three years before in a car accident. |  |
| 2 | 2. I had been working without a day off for months. The same job in an office, day in, day out. |  |
| 3 | I had been waiting for something exciting to happen for a long time when I received a strange letter. |  |
| 4 | The letter was from my great-aunt Margaret, whom I had not seen since my grandmother’s funeral earlier that year. |  |
| 5 | I opened the letter and read the short note that I found: “*Dear Nephew, I have been meaning to write to you much earlier, but I was terribly ill after your grandmother’s funeral.* |  |
| 6 | *There is something I need to tell you, but at the funeral there were always too many people around us. Yesterday as I was cleaning up my desk I found a picture of your grandmother that reminded me of my plan.* |  |
| 7 | *I remembered how she had been talking about you all the time, up to the day she died.*” |  |
| 8 | Then she told me about how my grandmother had been talking about a locket1 that she had given me. |  |
| 9 | The letter ended like this: “*I need to see you. Are you doing anything important this weekend*? |  |
| 10 | *A train is leaving London, King’s Cross Station, at eight this coming Saturday. I will be expecting you. You must bring the locket!*” |  |

1\*locket - *Medallion*

*II. Match the sentences to the functions for the individual tenses that are described in the table below.*

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| ***We use the ...*** | sentence(s) number: |
| **Present perfect progressive:** | |
| - to talk about activities that have started in the past and are still going on at the present moment. |  |
| **Past progressive:** |  |
| - for an event that was going on when another event happened. |  |
| **Past perfect:** |  |
| - to refer to events and activities that had happened before a certain point in the past. |  |
| **Past perfect progressive:** |  |
| - for events and activities that have continued until a certain point in the past. |  |
| **Simple present – future meaning:** |  |
| - for scheduled events and timetables. |  |
| **Present progressive – future meaning:** |  |
| - for definite plans (usually in the near future). |  |

**Some further tenses: Rules (Suggested solution)**

*I. Read the following sentences. Note down the tenses of the underlined verbs.*

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| 1 | 1. It was the summer of 1975. My parents had both died three years before in a car accident. | **past perfect** |
| 2 | 2. I had been working without a day off for months. The same job in an office, day in, day out. | **past perfect progressive** |
| 3 | I had been waiting for something exciting to happen for a long time when I received a strange letter. | **past perfect progressive** |
| 4 | The letter was from my great-aunt Margaret, whom I had not seen since my grandmother’s funeral earlier that year. | **past perfect** |
| 5 | I opened the letter and read the short note that I found: “*Dear Nephew, I have been meaning to write to you much earlier, but I was terribly ill after your grandmother’s funeral*. | **present perfect progressive** |
| 6 | *There is something I need to tell you, but at the funeral there were always to many people around us. Yesterday as I was cleaning up my desk I found a picture of your grandmother that reminded me of my plan*. | **past progressive** |
| 7 | I remembered how she had been talking about you all the time, up to the day she died. | **past perfect progressive** |
| 8 | Then she told me about how my grandmother had been talking about a locket that she had given me. | **past perfect progressive** |
| 9 | The letter ended like this: “*I need to see you. Are you doing anything important this weekend*? | **present progressive (future meaning)** |
| 10 | *A train is leaving London, King’s Cross Station, at eight this coming Saturday. I will be expecting you. You must bring the locket!*” | **simple present (future meaning)** |

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| **Present perfect progressive:** | |
| - to talk about activities that have started in the past and are still going on at the present moment. | **5** |
| **Past progressive:** |  |
| - for an event that was going on when another event happened. | **6** |
| **Past perfect:** |  |
| - to refer to events and activities that had happened before a certain point in the past. | **1,4** |
| **Past perfect progressive:** |  |
| - for events and activities that have contined until a certain point in the past. | **2,3,7,8** |
| **Simple present – future meaning:** |  |
| - for scheduled events and timetables. | **10** |
| **Present progressive – future meaning:** |  |
| - for definite plans (usually in the near future). | **9** |