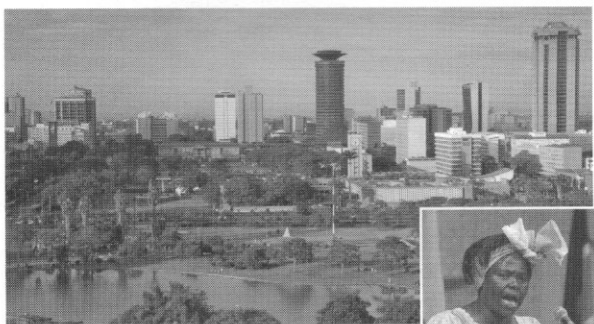


2 Grammar

★ Past perfect continuous

- a** In 2004, Wangari Maathai received the Nobel Peace Prize for her environmental work in Kenya. Read the text about her and her Green Belt Movement and complete the text with the words in the box.

been causing not studied spent
become known been developing
played always been been fighting



Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi and his government had

¹ always been happy to help out big business even if this wasn't always best for the environment. At the same time, Wangari Maathai and her Green Belt Movement had ² _____ to save the land.

Ever since the organisation started in 1977, it had ³ _____ the Kenyan government problems. In 1989 the two sides met for their biggest showdown.

That year, the Green Belt Movement learned that powerful friends of the President had ⁴ _____ plans to build a 60-floor office building in the heart of Uhuru Park in the capital city Nairobi. The park had

⁵ _____ an important part in city life for many years, and it was the only place in Nairobi where families could go and enjoy the outdoors. When the Movement launched its campaign against the 'monster-park' as the building had ⁶ _____, Wangari Maathai was often laughed at in public for not understanding development.

Although she was the first to admit that she had ⁷ _____ town planning at university, she was smart enough to know that you need such spaces in large cities. Luckily, so were thousands of other Kenyans who joined the campaign and the park was saved. But the victory didn't finish there. The very same government who had ⁸ _____ so much time laughing at Maathai and her movement have now made Uhuru Park a national park.

- b** Use the verbs in **bold** and the past perfect simple (once) or the past perfect continuous (once) to complete each pair of sentences.

1 (walk)

- a We were hungry because we had been walking all day.
b When we got back to the hotel we had walked 20 km.

2 (read)

- a By the end of the school holidays I _____ the three *Lord of the Rings* books.
b I _____ for two hours so when I turned out the light I fell asleep immediately.

3 (save)

- a I started in March and by October I _____ enough money to buy a round-the-world air ticket.
b I _____ for two years but I still didn't have enough money.

4 (eat)

- a We _____ all day and I couldn't eat any more.
b When he arrived we _____ everything, so I made him a quick sandwich.

5 (watch)

- a He got a headache because he _____ TV all day.
b By the end of the evening, we _____ all six *Star Wars* films.

6 (talk)

- a When I saw her yesterday she _____ to her teacher and she was feeling better.
b She _____ on the phone for so long, she was really thirsty.

7 (cook)

- a He _____ all morning and there was a great smell from the kitchen.
b He _____ me a birthday meal. I was so happy.

8 (write)

- a My hand was aching because I _____ since 10 o'clock.
b I _____ the letter but was I brave enough to send it?