Answer key

1
a  1 had  2 been
b  1 Example 2  2 Example 1

2  Jay White had always wanted to be a writer. He wrote his first story when he was five and sent it in to a competition – it won! After he had won the competition he started writing every day. His first book was published in 1979 when he was only 12. “I’d been writing for seven years but I was still really excited when my first book came out.”
Since then he has written more than thirty books. Last year he entered another competition. He chose to enter a book he had written when he was only nine. Why did he choose this particular book? “I’d been thinking about this story for a long time. Although I was only nine when I wrote it I thought it was one of the best stories I had ever created.”
We all wish Jay the best of luck in the competition.

3
1 didn’t understand / hadn’t been listening
2 hadn’t been paying attention / got
3 had left / arrived
4 was upset / had forgotten
5 had been waiting / said

4
1 had written
2 had been entering
3 had (never) read
4 had been thinking
5 had (not) enjoyed
6 had been snowing