Sentence improvement exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word or phrase. Choose your answers from the given options.

1. the airplane took off.

The fog lifting

Lifting the fog

The fog lifted

The fog having lifted

2. The accused complained of by the police.

tortured

having been tortured

being tortured

having tortured

3. The ocean, they abandoned the voyage.

was rough

been rough

being rough

is rough

4. We were all happy at awarded the Nobel Prize.

Mother Teresa's being

Mother Teresa being

Mother Teresa been

5.a rainy day, we had to abandon the match.

It being

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Being it

It been

Been it

6. I the plants. Just after I finished watering it started raining.

didn't need to water

hadn't watered

needn't have watered

needn't water

Answers

- 1. The fog having lifted, the airplane took off.
- 2. The accused complained of having been tortured by the police.
- 3. The ocean being rough, they abandoned the voyage.

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- 4. We were all happy at Mother Teresa's being awarded the Nobel Prize.
- 5. It being a rainy day, we had to abandon the match.
- 6. I needn't have watered the plants. Just after I finished watering it started raining.