

## PAST PERFECT

1. Use the sentences on the left to complete the paragraphs on the right. These sentences are in the order in which they happened – so (1) happened before (2), (2) before (3) etc. But your paragraph begins with the underlined sentence, so sometimes you need the past perfect.

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| <p>1 (1) Somebody broke into the office during the night.<br/>         (2) <u>We arrived at work in the morning.</u><br/>         (3) We called the police.</p>  | <p>} We arrived at work in the morning and found that somebody <u>had broken</u> into the office during the night. So we'.....<br/>         .....</p> |
| <p>2 (1) Ann went out.<br/>         (2) <u>I tried to phone her</u> this morning.<br/>         (3) There was no answer.</p>  | <p>} I tried to phone Ann this morning but .....<br/>         ..... no answer. She .....<br/>         ..... out.</p>                                  |
| <p>3 (1) Jim came back from holiday a few days ago.<br/>         (2) <u>I met him the same day.</u><br/>         (3) He looked very well.</p>  | <p>} I met Jim a few days ago. He ..... just<br/>         .....<br/>         He .....</p>   |
| <p>4 (1) Kevin wrote to Sally many times.<br/>         (2) She never replied to his letters.<br/>         (3) <u>Yesterday he had a phone call from her.</u><br/>         (4) He was very surprised.</p> | <p>} Yesterday Kevin .....<br/>         He ..... very surprised. He<br/>         ..... many times but she<br/>         .....</p>                      |

2. Put the verb into the correct form, past perfect (I had done etc.) or past simple (I did etc.).

- 1 'Was Tom at the party when you arrived?' 'No, he had gone (go) home.'
- 2 I felt very tired when I got home, so I ..... (go) straight to bed.
- 3 The house was very quiet when I got home. Everybody ..... (go) to bed.
- 4 Sorry I'm late. The car ..... (break) down on my way here.
- 5 We were driving along the road when we ..... (see) a car which  
 ..... (break) down, so we ..... (stop) to see if we could help.

**3** Fill in the gaps with the past simple, the past perfect or the past perfect continuous of the verb in brackets.

- 1 I'd never ridden (never ride) a bike until I went (go) to live in Amsterdam.
- 2 When Martin ..... (come) into the room, his mother nearly  
 ..... (faint) because she ..... (see) him for nearly 20 years
- 3 We were held up in a traffic jam so the concert ..... (begin) by the  
 time we ..... (arrive).
- 4 How long ..... (you applying) for jobs when you .....  
 (get) this one?
- 5 ..... (you ever do) any carpentry before you .....  
 (build) that cupboard?
- 6 I ..... (not see) Lisa when I went round last night because she  
 ..... (go) to stay with her grandmother.
- 7 As soon as I ..... (sit) down on the train, I realised that I  
 ..... (leave) my passport at home.
- 8 I ..... (drive) for about four hours when I .....  
 (realize) that I was completely lost.
- 9 When I ..... (go) into the room, everyone .....  
 (stop) talking and ..... (look) at me.
- 10 After he ..... (wash) his clothes, he ..... (hang)  
 them outside to dry.
- 11 The manager was shocked when he ..... (discover) that Jane was a thief.  
 Up until then, he ..... (believe) that she was completely honest.