Time Expressions with the Past Perfect

Example: John does his homework.... The class starts.

By the time the class started, John had done his homework.
The class started **after** John had done his homework.
John had done his homework **before** the class started.
John had **already** done his homework when the class started.
The class started at 6pm. **By then** John had done his homework.
I had **just** finished my homework when the bell rang.

Use a range of past tenses including (e.g. the past simple, the past continuous, the past perfect) to write short stories:-

John _____(hike) through the forest when he _____(see) a unicorn. He _____(call to) his friends but by the time they _____ (arrive) the unicorn_____(disappear). His friends _____(say) he was crazy.

Rachel _____(cook lunch) when the doorbell rang. Rachel_____(answer) the door and the postman _____(give) her a parcel. As the postman _____(drive) away Rachel _____ (remember) the food in the kitchen. She _____ (run) back inside but it was too late. The dog _____ (already / eat) it.

The hairdresser _____ (just /colour) my hair. She _____ (dry) it while I _____(read) a magazine. When I _____(look) in the mirror I was horrified. She _____(dye) my hair pink!

Rosa _____(walk) through Guadalajara when it _____ (start to rain). As she _____(wear) her new suit, she _____(decide to buy) an umbrella in Corte Ingles. It _____(be) December, so the queues _____(be) huge. Before Rosa _____(leave) the shop the rain _____ (stop).

As we _____(trek) through the jungle, we _____ (see) a tiger. Fortunately, it _____ (already/ eat).

Now invent your own story with the past simple, the past continuous and past perfect tenses.

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