



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.