

Exercises

15.1 Read the situations and write sentences from the words in brackets.

- You went to Sue's house, but she wasn't there.
(she / go / out) *She had gone out.*
- You went back to your home town after many years. It wasn't the same as before.
(it / change / a lot)
- I invited Rachel to the party, but she couldn't come.
(she / arrange / to do something else)
- You went to the cinema last night. You got to the cinema late.
(the film / already / start)
- It was nice to see Daniel again after such a long time.
(I / not / see / him for five years)
- I offered Sue something to eat, but she wasn't hungry.
(she / just / have / breakfast)

15.2 For each situation, write a sentence ending with **never ... before**. Use the verb in brackets.

- The man sitting next to you on the plane was very nervous. It was his first flight.
(fly) *He'd never flown before.*
- Somebody sang a song. I didn't know it.
(hear) I _____ before.
- Sam played tennis yesterday. He wasn't very good at it because it was his first game.
(play) He _____
- Last year we went to Mexico. It was our first time there.
(be there) We _____

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

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| <p>(a) Somebody broke into the office during the night.</p> <p>(b) <u>We arrived at work in the morning.</u></p> <p>(c) We called the police.</p> | } | <p>We arrived at work in the morning and found that <u>somebody had broken</u> into the office during the night. So _____ the police.</p> |
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| <p>(a) Laura went out this morning.</p> <p>(b) <u>I rang her doorbell.</u></p> <p>(c) There was no answer.</p> | } | <p>I went to Laura's house this morning and rang her doorbell, but _____ no answer. _____ out.</p> |
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| <p>(a) Jim came back from holiday a few days ago.</p> <p>(b) <u>I met him the same day.</u></p> <p>(c) He looked very well.</p> | } | <p>I met Jim a few days ago. _____ just _____ holiday. _____ very well.</p> |
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| <p>(a) Kevin sent Sally lots of emails.</p> <p>(b) She never replied to them.</p> <p>(c) <u>Yesterday he got a phone call from her.</u></p> <p>(d) He was very surprised.</p> | } | <p>Yesterday Kevin _____ from Sally. _____ very surprised. _____ lots of emails, but _____.</p> |
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15.4 Put the verb into the correct form, past perfect (**I had done**) or past simple (**I did**).

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