



'tis Strange – but true; for truth is always strange; stranger than fiction.  
*Lord Byron, English poet*

## What a week!

### 1 GRAMMAR past perfect

- a Complete the sentences with the past perfect form of the verbs in parentheses.
- 1 My plants were dead because my neighbor hadn't watered them. (not water)
  - 2 I couldn't get into my apartment because I \_\_\_\_\_ my key. (forget)
  - 3 The teacher was angry because we \_\_\_\_\_ our homework. (not do)
  - 4 The man lent me his newspaper after he \_\_\_\_\_ it. (read)
  - 5 They got to the theater after the movie \_\_\_\_\_ . (start)



## b Write questions in the past perfect.

1 **A** I saw *Ocean's Thirteen* last weekend.**B** you / see it / before*Had you seen it before?*2 **A** I finished *The Lord of the Rings* last week.**B** you / read it / before

\_\_\_\_\_?

3 **A** My parents were in Thailand last month.**B** they / be there / before

\_\_\_\_\_?

4 **A** We ate sushi last night.**B** you / eat it / before

\_\_\_\_\_?

5 **A** Carlos flew a plane last week.**B** he / fly one / before

\_\_\_\_\_?

## c Make the two sentences into one. Use the past perfect and the simple past in each sentence.

1 I drank a lot of coffee. Then I couldn't fall asleep.

I *couldn't fall asleep* \_\_\_\_\_ because *I had drunk a lot of coffee* \_\_\_\_\_.

2 He grew a beard. After that, she didn't recognize him.

She \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

3 I didn't send her a birthday card. After that she didn't speak to me for a week.

She \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

4 We left the door unlocked. Then the thieves got in easily.

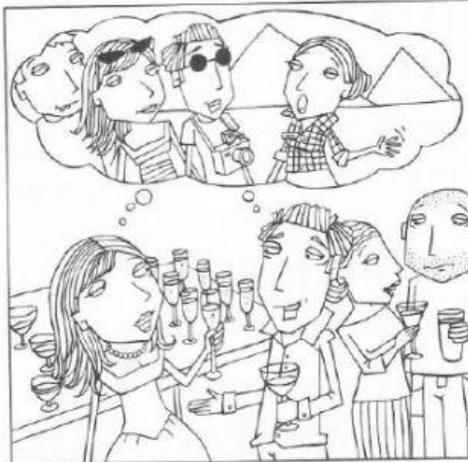
The thieves \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

5 I forgot my library card. Then I couldn't take any books from the library.

I \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

d Circle the correct verb.

When I introduced Sue and Tim at my party, they were sure they  
 1 met / **had met** before.  
 They 2 finally discovered / had finally discovered  
 they 3 were / had been on the same vacation tour the year before.



I was looking for my cell phone yesterday morning, but I couldn't find it. I was sure I 4 **didn't lose** / hadn't lost it, because I  
 5 saw / had seen it twenty minutes before. Then I realized that I 6 left / had left it in my pant pocket, and I 7 put / had put my pants in the washing machine!

### 3 VOCABULARY adverbs

Complete the stories with these words.

luckily    unfortunately    accidentally    suddenly (x2)  
immediately (x2)    ~~strangely~~



The other day I realized that people were looking at me very 1 strangely. I didn't know why. Then I 2 \_\_\_\_\_ realized that I'd 3 \_\_\_\_\_ gone out with my slippers on! I 4 \_\_\_\_\_ went home and put my shoes on instead.

5 \_\_\_\_\_ stopped for no reason. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ we stopped before we hit it, but 7 \_\_\_\_\_ my sister hit the windshield and cut her head. We took her to the hospital 8 \_\_\_\_\_.