



i had done...

at 10.30



PAUL

at 11.00



SARAH

Sarah went to a party last week. Paul went to the party too, but they didn't see each other. Paul left the party at 10.30 and Sarah arrived at 11 o'clock. So: When Sarah arrived at the party, Paul wasn't there. He **had gone** home.

Had gone is the *past perfect (simple)*:

I/we/they/you he/she/it	had	(= I'd etc.) (= he'd etc.)	gone seen finished etc.
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The past perfect simple is **had + past participle (gone/seen/finished etc.)**.

Sometimes we talk about something that happened in the past:

- Sarah **arrived** at the party.

This is the starting point of the story. Then, if we want to talk about things that happened *before* this time, we use the past perfect (**had ...**):

- When Sarah arrived at the party, Paul **had already gone** home.

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 / begin)
- It was nice to see Dan 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)

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

- 1 The man sitting next to you on the plane was very nervous. It was his first flight.
(fly) He'd never flown before.
- 2 A woman walked into the room. She was a complete stranger to me.
(see) I before.
- 3 Sam played tennis yesterday. He wasn't very good at it because it was his first game.
(play) He
- 4 Last year we went to Denmark. It was our first time there.
(be there) We

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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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 (1) Somebody broke into the office during the night. (2) <u>We arrived at work in the morning.</u> (3) We called the police. | <div style="font-size: 3em; line-height: 1; padding: 0 10px;">}</div> <p>We arrived at work in the morning and found that somebody <u>had broken</u> into the office during the night. So we</p> |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2 (1) Laura went out this morning. (2) <u>I tried to phone her.</u> (3) There was no answer. | <div style="font-size: 3em; line-height: 1; padding: 0 10px;">}</div> <p>I tried to phone Laura this morning, but no answer. She out.</p> |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3 (1) Jim came back from holiday a few days ago. (2) <u>I met him the same day.</u> (3) He looked very well. | <div style="font-size: 3em; line-height: 1; padding: 0 10px;">}</div> <p>I met Jim a few days ago. just holiday. very well.</p> |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4 (1) Kevin sent Sally lots of emails. (2) She never replied to them. (3) <u>Yesterday he got a phone call from her.</u> (4) He was very surprised. | <div style="font-size: 3em; line-height: 1; padding: 0 10px;">}</div> <p>Yesterday Kevin from Sally. He very surprised. He lots of emails, but she</p> |

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

- 1 'Was Paul 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 help.