

GRAMMAR Past perfect

1 Write the past perfect forms of the verbs.

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| 1. plan <u>had planned</u> | 5. not finish _____ |
| 2. be _____ | 6. not see _____ |
| 3. not be _____ | 7. hear _____ |
| 4. ski _____ | 8. feel _____ |

2 Complete the paragraph with verbs from Exercise 1.

Tell us your NATURAL DISASTER STORIES

Rachel Patterson:

My family ¹ had planned a trip to Japan. Then we couldn't go because my father got sick. We finally went a year later. We ² _____ there for two days when an earthquake happened. I ³ _____ earthquakes in California before, but never one like this! We were at a restaurant, and I ⁴ _____ my lunch. It went flying across the room!

David Alba:

I ⁵ _____ snow before. But last week, I saw a lot of it! I went skiing in Denver, Colorado. I took ski lessons on the first day. My instructor ⁶ _____ all over the world, and she was a great teacher.

There ⁷ _____ an avalanche at the ski resort in over 10 years. However, on the second day, my instructor ⁸ _____ on TV that conditions were right for avalanches, so she cancelled our lessons. Later that day, no one was allowed to ski, and there was an avalanche! Luckily, I was safe!

3 Read the sentences. Then circle the answer that correctly explains each situation.

- Elsa hadn't been to Costa Rica before her trip.
 - She has been to Costa Rica more than once.
 - She went to Costa Rica once.
- The forest fire had started before breakfast.
 - The forest fire started in the morning.
 - The forest fire started in the afternoon.

- Andrew had read an interesting article about tsunamis.
 - Andrew read an article about tsunamis.
 - Andrew didn't read an article about tsunamis.
- Sun-hi hadn't told Paul about the hurricane.
 - Paul knew about the hurricane.
 - Paul didn't know about the hurricane.
- June had finished the reading before school.
 - June finished the reading.
 - June didn't finish the reading.
- The weather hadn't been good before the disaster.
 - The disaster caused the weather to be bad.
 - The disaster didn't cause the weather to be bad.

Past perfect yes/no questions

4 Write yes/no questions and answers in the past perfect. ✓ = yes, X = no.

- Dylan / hear / about the volcanic eruption / (X)

Q: Had Dylan heard about the volcanic eruption?

A: No, he hadn't.
- you / be / to San Francisco before the earthquake / (✓)

Q: _____

A: _____
- Sally / read / the article before class / (X)

Q: _____

A: _____
- your parents / tell / about the flood / (X)

Q: _____

A: _____
- the volcano / be / quiet for several months (✓)

Q: _____

A: _____
- you and your brother / see / a tornado / before / (✓)

Q: _____

A: _____