2 Read the information.

Past perfect simple

We use the past perfect

- to talk about something that had already happened before a certain time in the past.

Everyone had gone to bed by 11 p.m.
By early afternoon I had finished the book.

- to talk about something that had already happened before something else happened in the past. We use the past perfect to talk about what happened first, and the simple past about what happened after it.

The train had already left (= this action happened first) *when we arrived at the station.* (= this happened after the first action)

Time expressions

by	*By 11 a.m. they had drank four cups of tea each.*
already	*Sandra had already done the shopping when I called her.*
after	*Ian phoned after you had left.*
before	*We had driven twenty miles before we saw a petrol station.*
just	*I had just finished my homework when Matt phoned.*
ever / never	*They had never seen such a beautiful sunset in their lives.*

3 Write sentences in the past perfect.

1 everyone / leave — By 7 o'clock *everyone had left* .
2 I / just / sit down — ..... when the phone rang.
3 She / not travel / by plane — ..... before that holiday.
4 we / invite / everyone — By 30th June ..... .
5 He / not use / sunscreen — ..... on his nose and it was bright red.
6 I / speak / to Mum — After ..... I felt much better.
7 The doors / not open — ..... by 8 o'clock.
8 I / never / try — ..... that type of food before.

4 Ask questions in the past perfect simple. Then answer.

Beth had a full day yesterday. She organised her time and wrote a list. Find out how successful she was.

1 10–11 a.m. write school essay ✓
2 11–1 p.m. finish reading my school library book ✗
3 1–2 p.m. have lunch ✓
4 2–3 p.m. wash my hair ✓
5 3–5 p.m. write article for *TeenLink* ✗
6 5–6 p.m. tidy my room ✗

1 *Had she written her school essay* ..... by 11 o'clock? *Yes, she had.*
2 ..... by 1 o'clock? .....
3 ..... by 2 o'clock? .....
4 ..... by 3 o'clock? .....
5 ..... by 5 o'clock? .....
6 ..... by 6 o'clock? .....