



Past Perfect

We use the past perfect when we are already talking about the past and we 'go back' to say that something had happened before.

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When Miss Smith woke up she had a terrible surprise. Her living room was a mess! Complete the following sentences about what had happened.

PREPOSITIONS

• There's a cup of coffee _____ the sofa

• There's a picture _____ the wall

• There's a cushion _____ a cup of tea

• There's a ball _____ the TV

1. Someone _____ (drink) a cup of coffee.
2. Someone _____ (break) a plant in the living room.
3. Someone _____ (play) with some toys
4. Someone _____ (read) a book.
5. Someone _____ (paint) the door.
6. Someone _____ (throw) some CDs
7. Someone _____ (break) the TV.

Watch the video and choose the best option

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| 1. Ross was devastated because
a) He had a stomachache
b) His wife had moved out that day | 4. Monica and Rachel know each other because ...
a) They had studied at the same high school
b) They had worked together |
| 2. Ross didn't know...
a) His wife was a lesbian
b) Chandler wanted to be a lesbian | 5. Rachel contacted Monica
a) Because she hadn't invited her to her wedding
b) She was the only person she knew in the city |
| 3. Rachel showed up at the café...
a) Because Ross wants to get married
b) Because she was looking for Monica | |

Match the sentence halves using the **past simple** and **past perfect**. Use **WHEN** or **AFTER**.
e.g. **After / when they had done their HW, they could play PC games.**

The bank clerk called the police.
Peter asked for a cup of coffee.
She completely recovered
They could play PC games.

He finished eating
They did their homework
Mandy could leave the hospital.
The robbers left.



Rewrite the sentences using the **past simple** and **past perfect**:

1. She soon (realize) that she (spend) all her money.
2. He (be) tired because he (not eat) anything since the morning.
3. We (not recognize) her. She (cut her hair).

Listen and complete the story of **The big river man**

Martin Streel – or Big river man, as he is often called – is a long distant swimmer from Slovenia. Martin _____ himself to swim when he was six, and in 1997 he _____ the first man to swim from Africa to Europe by crossing the Mediterranean Sea. Seven people _____ to complete this swim without success. In 2002 Streel _____ the length of the Mississippi which _____ him 68 days. The year before that he _____ the world non-stop record by swimming for 84 hours and 10 minutes without stopping. But he's probably best known as the man who _____ the length of the Amazon in 2007, something nobody _____ before. He _____ 5,268 km and _____ for over 10 hours a day. By the time he _____ at Belem, in Brazil, he _____ in the water for 66 days. He now runs an adventure swimming holiday company with his son in Slovenia.