

## LANGUAGE IN ACTION

### Past perfect



#### 1 ★ Match sentences 1–6 with a–f.

- 1 I felt very tired.
- 2 I couldn't go to the concert.
- 3 I already knew the story of the film.
- 4 I said sorry for being late.
- 5 I got lost when I went to London.
- 6 I didn't know what time the concert started.

- a I hadn't looked at the programme.
- b I hadn't bought any tickets.
- c I had read the book.
- d I hadn't finished my work on time.
- e I hadn't been there before.
- f I hadn't slept enough.



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#### 2 ★★ Read the sentences.

**Circle** the action that happened first, A or B.

- 1 She went to see the fireworks because her friends had invited her.  
A She went to see the fireworks.  
**B** Her friends invited her.
- 2 When I saw the programme, I knew I'd seen the show before.  
A I saw the programme.  
B I saw the show.
- 3 They'd arranged to meet at the food stall, but Tom couldn't find Katy.  
A They arranged to meet.  
B Tom couldn't find Katy.
- 4 After he'd phoned his mum, he ordered a pizza.  
A He ordered a pizza.  
B He phoned his mum.
- 5 Megan felt a bit upset after she'd said goodbye to them.  
A Megan said goodbye to them.  
B She felt a bit upset.



#### 3 ★★ Complete the sentences with the past perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I hadn't bought (not buy) a costume, so I didn't have anything special to wear to the carnival.
- 2 Talia \_\_\_\_\_ (not hear) of the festival before she went there.
- 3 He got to the concert 20 minutes after it \_\_\_\_\_ (start).
- 4 They went to London last year and they were also there 30 years ago. It \_\_\_\_\_ (change) a lot.
- 5 We didn't want to see the new *Bond* film because we \_\_\_\_\_ (not see) the previous one yet.
- 6 When I got home, I realised that I \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) my phone at school.



#### 4 ★★ **Circle** the correct options.

**PAULA** <sup>1</sup>**Did you go** / *Had you been* anywhere interesting during the holidays?

**MARCO** Well, I <sup>2</sup>*visited* / *had visited* my grandparents in northern Italy in September. They took me to a town called Marostica. I <sup>3</sup>*didn't go* / *hadn't been* there before.

**PAULA** Was it nice?

**MARCO** Yes, they have a chess festival there.

**PAULA** Chess festival? That doesn't sound very interesting!

**MARCO** But it was! My grandparents <sup>4</sup>*told* / *had told* me a lot about it before I <sup>5</sup>*went* / *had been* and I'd thought the same as you. But there was a giant chess set in the middle of the town! And people were dressed in costumes as chess pieces and they <sup>6</sup>*moved* / *had moved* around the board.

**PAULA** Right, OK. And do they do that every year?

**MARCO** Every two years. It's to celebrate a famous chess match that two princes <sup>7</sup>*played* / *had played* about 600 years ago. They <sup>8</sup>*fell* / *had fallen* in love with the same woman, but instead of fighting, they decided to play chess!

