

3A

1 Complete the dialogues with the *Past perfect* or *Past simple* of the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 A: How was your trip to Italy? _____ you ever _____ there before? (be)
B: It was great. I _____ there before. It was my first time. (be)
- 2 A: _____ you _____ Italian before you went there? (study)
B: Yes, but I _____ more than a few words. (not learn)
- 3 A: _____ you _____ in time to see the festival? (arrive)
B: No. By the time I got there, it _____ just _____. (end)

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1 Complete 1–5 with the *Past perfect* or *Past perfect continuous* of the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 We _____ video games for almost two hours before the outage. (play)
- 2 Imagine if dinosaurs _____ because of climate change. (not die out)
- 3 She _____ for long when the lightning suddenly woke her up. (not sleep)
- 4 They _____ on coming to the party with us, but they had a family emergency at the last moment. (plan)
- 5 The tigers were pacing their cage because they _____ yet. (not eat)

2 Correct the mistakes in 1–5.

- 1 The manager had been warning him twice to stop using his cell in the theater.
- 2 They were towing our car because we had been parking in a tow-away zone.
- 3 She was still feeling confused even after the officer had gave her directions.
- 4 The law that all dogs must be on a leash had be in effect for thirty years.
- 5 Her wedding wasn't as perfect as she's hoped.

3 Make it personal Describe five “first times”, or things you had never done before. Use the topics from the box, plus any others you can think of.

(buy) your own computer, phone, or car (drive) a car
plan a party (ride) a horse or a bicycle travel by plane

I had been living on the farm for one month but I hadn't ridden one of the horses ...

1 Circle the correct alternatives to complete the anecdote.

Last Sunday, I ¹ went / was going / had gone to the cinema with my sisters. We ² didn't drive / weren't driving / hadn't been driving for very long when suddenly a small dog suddenly ³ ran / was running / had run out in front of us. It ⁴ happened / was happening / had been happening too fast, and I ⁵ wasn't seeing / hadn't seen / hadn't been seeing the dog before it ⁶ ran / was running / had been running out. We ⁷ stopped / were stopping / had stopped the car and ⁸ got / were getting / had gotten out. We ⁹ were all feeling / had all felt / had all been feeling very upset. We ¹⁰ looked / was looking / had looked under the car. Luckily, we ¹¹ hadn't hit / weren't hitting / hadn't been hitting the dog at all. It ¹² hid / was hiding / had been hiding under the car! We were very relieved!

2 Make it personal Describe a time when you thought something bad had happened, but it ended happily.