

6B Adverbs with the simple past and past perfect

When and the simple past and past perfect can be used to express different time relationships.

When I arrived in Bangkok, my connecting flight **had already departed**.

When I arrived in Bangkok, my friend **met** me at the airport.

When before makes the sequence of events clear, the simple past or past perfect can be used.

It **began** to rain **before** she boarded the plane.

It **had begun** to rain **before** she boarded the plane.

Yet and **already** are used with both the present perfect and past perfect to show that an event took place earlier.

It **had already started** raining when I arrived in Bangkok.

It **hadn't started** raining **yet** when I arrived in Bangkok.

Choose the correct form of the verb to complete the story.

The taxi arrived to take Erica to the airport for her flight to London. Until that day she (1) *was never* / *(had never been)* on an international flight. The travel agent (2) *told* / *had told* her to get to the airport early, so she (3) *arrived* / *had arrived* four hours before her flight was due to leave. When she (4) *got* / *had gotten* there, she (5) *realized* / *had realized* she had plenty of time to spare, so she (6) *decided* / *had decided* to have some coffee and a snack and look at the newspaper before she (7) *checked in* / *had checked in*. She (8) *already bought* / *had already bought* some chocolate bars to eat on the plane, so she decided to have one of those. She sat at the counter and ordered a coffee.

When her coffee (9) *came* / *had come*, she pulled her favorite section out of the newspaper, carefully refolded it, and put it on the counter beside her. When she (10) *reached* / *had reached* for her chocolate bar, she saw that someone (11) *already took* / *had already taken* it out of the package and (12) *broke* / *had broken* it into eight tidy squares. She looked beside her and saw a distinguished-looking businessman. Before that, she (13) *didn't really notice* / *hadn't really noticed* him. She watched as he picked up a piece of the chocolate and calmly popped it into his mouth. She (14) *never saw* / *had never seen* such rude behavior in her life, so still staring at him, she (15) *picked up* / *had picked up* a piece and ate it. By now, he was staring back. He picked up another piece and ate it. So did Erica. Finally, there was only one piece left. Erica (16) *took* / *had taken* it.

The man stood up. He said, "Look. If you're that hungry, buy yourself a donut!" He (17) *slammed* / *had slammed* a dollar bill down on the counter and stormed out. In her entire life, she (18) *was never* / *had never been* so shocked. Muttering to herself, Erica began to gather up her things. Suddenly, she stopped, standing as still as a statue. There, under her newspaper, (19) *was* / *had been* her chocolate bar, exactly where she (20) *put* / *had put* it before the whole fiasco began.