

LANGUAGE PRACTICE

UNIT 7

Past perfect

1 Complete the sentences with the past perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

- I couldn't go to the performance because I _____ *had been* (be) ill.
- She _____ (not sleep) very well, so she felt tired all day.
- I was happy because my team _____ (win).
- We realised that we _____ (meet) once before.
- He _____ (know) about the event for a long time.

2 Circle the correct option.

- When we arrived, the street party _____.
A already was started. B has already started.
C had already started
- I didn't want to see the movie until I _____ the book.
A was read B had read C hadn't read
- When we heard the noise, we knew something _____.
A had happened. B happened. C happens.
- They were so late that the performance _____.
A has nearly finished. B nearly had finished.
C had nearly finished.
- Yolanda ran to the station but the train _____.
A had just leave. B had just left.
C was just left.

Reported statements

3 Circle the correct option.

- They say/tell that it's the biggest carnival in the world.
- Edwin *said/told* everyone that he wasn't coming.
- Did anyone *say/tell* you what time the film began?
- I have already *said/told* you not to do that.
- The ticket *says/tells* that costumes are optional.

4 Write the direct speech in reported speech.

- 'I had an interesting holiday.'
He said (that) *he'd had an interesting holiday.*
- 'I've already read the film review.'
Maria said (that) _____.
- 'We're making pizzas for dinner.'
They said (that) _____.
- 'Juan can't leave before eight.'
I told them (that) _____.

5 Write the reported speech in direct speech.

- She said she'd booked tickets for the exhibition.
'I've booked tickets for the exhibition.'
- He told me he didn't watch any daytime TV.
_____.
- Jacky said she was waiting for her friend to arrive.
_____.
- We told them we had never heard that band.
_____.

6 Read the email. Then complete the reported speech below.

Home Inbox Sent New

Hi Diana,

Bernie and I are having a brilliant time in Rio! We're staying near the Copacabana beach, so we've swum every day. The carnival has been amazing. I've never seen so many fabulous costumes. We've loved every minute! Actually, we don't want to leave!

Love, Susie

I've just had an email from Susie, who's in Rio with Bernie. She said they ¹ were having a brilliant time. She said they ² _____ near the Copacabana beach, so they ³ _____ every day. She wrote that the carnival ⁴ _____ amazing. She said that she ⁵ _____ so many fabulous costumes. She told me that they ⁶ _____ every minute. Actually, they ⁷ _____ to leave!