

GRAMMAR 2: PAST PERFECT

1. Select the correct option from the dropdown list.

- 1) They caught the thieves because the shop _____ CCTV cameras.
- 2) I'd forgotten to close my backpack, so someone _____ my wallet on the bus.
- 3) 'Why did you walk home?' 'Because someone _____ my bus pass.'
- 4) The woman had committed a serious crime so the judge _____ her to prison.
- 5) Mr Davis had worked as a lawyer before he _____ a detective.
- 6) We were scared because a violent criminal _____ from prison.

2. Are these sentences correct or incorrect?

- 1) He was arrested because he had stole a car.  
- 2) The suspect had given a sample of his hair before he left the police station.  
- 3) She was arrested because she'd wrote some frightening things on a social networking site.  
- 4) The men were able to get in because we'd forgotten to lock the door.  
- 5) By the time the police arrived, the teenagers had escaped.  
- 6) She didn't want to see the new detective film at the cinema with us. She'd already saw it.  

3. Complete the text with the past simple or past perfect form of the verbs.

arrive • break into • buy • have • notice • steal

When we got back from our holiday, we discovered that thieves _____ our house. My mum was really upset because they _____ some of her jewellery. My dad _____ her the jewellery before they were married. We _____ such a good time on holiday and it was a horrible way to end the week. When the police _____ they said it was likely that the criminals _____ we were on holiday. It appears to me that criminals don't care about the consequences of their actions on their victims. I hope the police catch them soon!

4. Complete the sentences. Use the past simple or past perfect long form of the verbs in parentheses.

EXAMPLE: Her purse was empty. She had forgotten (forget) to ask her mum for some money.

- 1) I was late for school yesterday. The first lesson (start) when I arrived.
- 2) My parents (be) angry with me because I hadn't tidied my room.
- 3) She didn't want to read the book again. She (read) it twice before.
- 4) (you / meet) any of the people before you went to the party?
- 5) They (not feel) hungry because they'd eaten such a big lunch.