



## Time Expressions with the Past Perfect



**Example:** John does his homework.... The class starts.

**By the time** the class started, John had done his homework.

The class started **after** John had done his homework.

John had done his homework **before** the class started.

John had **already** done his homework when the class started.

The class started at 6pm. **By then** John had done his homework.

I had **just** finished my homework when the bell rang.

Use a range of past tenses including (e.g. the past simple, the past continuous, the past perfect) to write short stories:-

John \_\_\_\_\_ (hike) through the forest when he \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a unicorn. He \_\_\_\_\_ (call to) his friends but by the time they \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) the unicorn \_\_\_\_\_ (disappear). His friends \_\_\_\_\_ (say) he was crazy.

Rachel \_\_\_\_\_ (cook lunch) when the doorbell rang.  
Rachel \_\_\_\_\_ (answer) the door and the postman \_\_\_\_\_ (give) her a parcel. As the postman \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) away Rachel \_\_\_\_\_ (remember) the food in the kitchen. She \_\_\_\_\_ (run) back inside but it was too late. The dog \_\_\_\_\_ (already / eat) it.

The hairdresser \_\_\_\_\_ (just / colour) my hair. She \_\_\_\_\_ (dry) it while I \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a magazine. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (look) in the mirror I was horrified. She \_\_\_\_\_ (dye) my hair pink!

Rosa \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) through Guadalajara when it \_\_\_\_\_ (start to rain). As she \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) her new suit, she \_\_\_\_\_ (decide to buy) an umbrella in Corte Ingles. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) December, so the queues \_\_\_\_\_ (be) huge. Before Rosa \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the shop the rain \_\_\_\_\_ (stop).

As we \_\_\_\_\_ (trek) through the jungle, we \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a tiger. Fortunately, it \_\_\_\_\_ (already/ eat).

Now invent your own story with the past simple, the past continuous and past perfect tenses.