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

1 The streets were white because it the night before.

(snow)

2 I suddenly remembered that I the windows before I left the house. (not close)

3 We got to the cinema ten minutes after the film

(start)

4 Tina felt nervous because she before (not fly)

5 Paul lent me the book after he it. (read)

6 They missed the flight because they the announcement. (not hear)

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b. Write questions in the past perfect.

1 A I drove my boyfriend's car this morning.

B you / drive it / before

Had you driven it before ?

2 A My friends ate sushi in Japan.

B they / eat sushi / before

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3 A My brother won a gold medal.

B he / win a medal / before

?

4 A The children made a cake yesterday.

B they / make a cake / before

?

5 A My sister ran in the London marathon last weekend.

B she / run a marathon / before

?

6 A We went to Brazil on holiday.

B you / be there / before

?

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c. Make these two sentences into one. Use the past perfect and the past simple .

1 We bought some souvenirs. Then we went back to the hotel.

After **we had bought some souvenirs, we went back to the hotel.**

2 Max did the ironing . Then he put the clothes away.

After Max _____

3 They watched the news. Then they turned off the TV.

After _____

4 I read the book. Then I gave it back.

When _____

5 Ruth tried on the top. Then she went to the checkout.

After Ruth _____

6 We had dinner. Then we did the washing up.

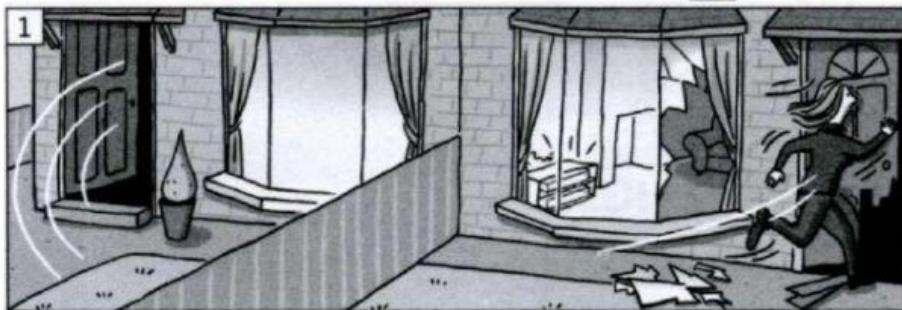
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d. Choose the correct verb.



Last week my neighbour was on holiday. One night I **heard / had heard** a strange noise in her house. I **opened / had opened** the door to have a look, and I found that someone **broke / had broken** into the house. Luckily, he (or she!) **already left / had already left** when I got there, and they **didn't steal / hadn't stolen** much as far as I could see - just the TV.



I was looking for my mobile yesterday morning, but I couldn't find it. I was sure I **didn't lose / hadn't lost** it, because I **saw / had seen** it twenty minutes before. Then I realized that I **left / had left** it in my trouser pocket, and I **put / had put** my trousers in the washing machine!

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e. Write the sentences with contractions .

1 He had forgotten it.

He'd forgotten it.

2 We had lost it.

3 You had seen her.

4 It had been a terrible day.

5 I had not sent it.

6 She had not done it.

7 They had not told me.

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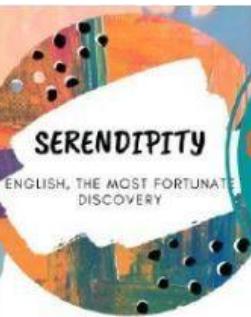
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f. Complete the sentences with the past simple or past participle of the verbs from the box.

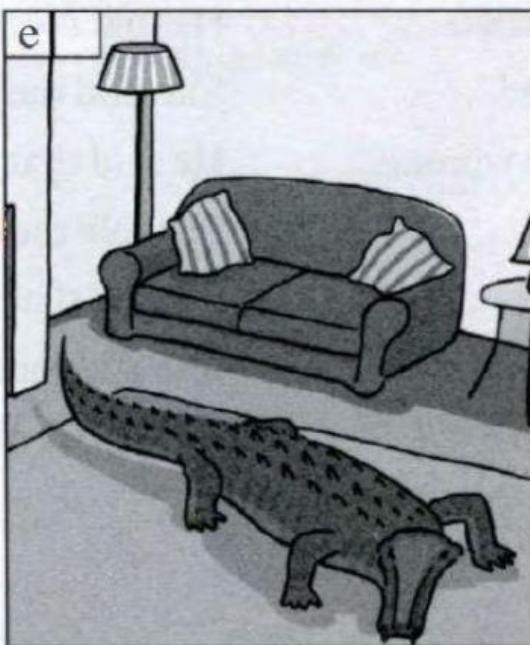
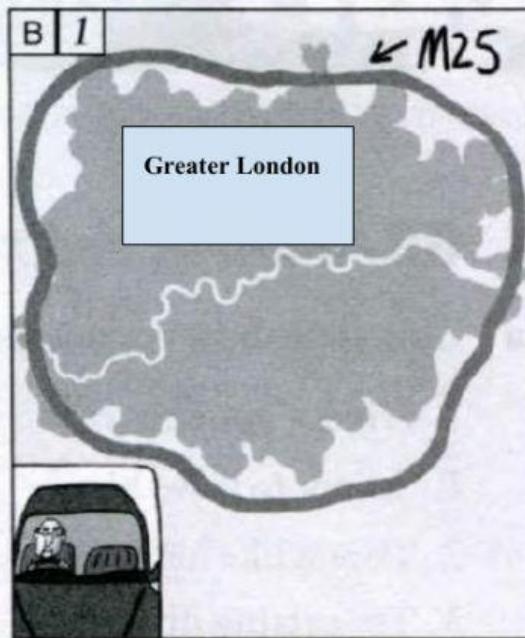
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go on have leave be belong

- 1 He was re-arrested 24 hours after he had been freed from prison.
- 2 The check-in clerk _____ my suitcase on the belt and gave me my boarding pass.
- 3 This ring _____ to my mother when she was young.
- 4 She wasn't worried because she had _____ the baby with her mother.
- 5 My parents weren't at home because they had _____ holiday a few days before.
- 6 After we had _____ the pool, we sunbathed for a while.
- 7 We went to the beach and _____ a swim.
- 8 When I got to my class, I _____ that I had forgotten my books.
- 9 He _____ in prison when his son was born.
- 10 The train left a few minutes after they had _____ it.

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g. Listen to four true news stories. Number the pictures in the order you hear the stories.



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h. Listen again and correct the mistakes in the sentences.

1 Dennis Leighton was going to visit his sister.

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2 He had been in his car for 13 hours.

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3 Erin Langworthy was on holiday in Kenya.

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4 She was taken to hospital after she had walked to safety.

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5 Lena Paahlsson lost the ring while she was doing the washing up.

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6 Today the ring is too big for her.

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7 The crocodile had gone into Jo Dodd's kitchen.

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8 Mrs Dodd called the Crocodile Management Centre.

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