PAST PERFECT

Which action happened first? Choose the correct answer.

a. I'd finished dinner when they arrived.

1. I finished dinner 2. They arrived

b. When she called, I'd sent the email.

1. She called 2. I sent the email

c. I'd cleaned the house when they offered to help.

1. I cleaned the house 2. They offered to help

d. When she told me about the gifts to carry, I'd already packed my suitcase.

1. She told me about the gifts to carry. 2. I packed my suitcase.

e. I'd been to Montreal several times when I decided to learn French.

1. I went to Montreal 2. I decided to learn French.

f. I'd substituted a couple of times when I made up my mind to become a teacher.

1. I substituted a couple of times 2. I made up my mind to become a teacher

2 Write the verbs in parentheses in the past perfect.

a I'd wanted (want) to go to The Spotted Goose restaurant for years.

b The chef _____ (train) with Heston Blumenthal.

c We _____ (reserve) a table near the window.

d We arrived an hour late, but they _____ (keep) our table for us.

e After we _____ (eat) the first course, we ordered some more wine.

f I felt very full after I _____ (finish) all ten courses!

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3 Put the verbs in parentheses into the correct form. Use the simple past or the past perfect.

In 1887, Lucy Dodson (1) was (be) in bed when she (2) _____ (hear) a voice call her name. She (3) _____ (realize) that it was the voice of her mother who (4) _____ (die) 16 years before. She (5) _____ (look) up and (6) _____ (see) that her mother had two small children in her arms. The ghost (7) _____ (ask) Lucy to look after the children because they (8) _____ (lose) their mother. Lucy (9) _____ (take) the children into her bed. The next morning, the bed was empty and the children (10) _____ (go). Two days later, Lucy learned that her sister-in-law (11) _____ (die) that same night, leaving two small children. She later (12) _____ (learn) that her mother's ghost (13) _____ (visit) her just two hours after her sister-in-law's death.

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