Language focus

4 Complete the sentences with the past perfect form of the verbs in parentheses.

1 Archaeologists found evidence that ancient civilisations on Umm Al Nar _____ meat and fish. (eat)
2 They also discovered that people on Umm Al Nar _____ copper. (use)
3 The archaeologists were excited because they _____ an important discovery. (make)
4 Nobody _____ tombs like this before. (see)
5 People _____ pottery for hundreds of years. (sell)
6 Nomadic cultures _____ in one place for very long. (not stay)

Use of English: past perfect

We use the past perfect to refer to a time before another time in the past. It describes something which started in the past and continued up to a given time in the past, and is now completely finished.

It is formed with the verb *had* and the past participle of the verb.

The civilisation developed after they had found copper.

After they had discovered water, people settled here.

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