2 Read the information.

Use

- We use the past perfect to talk about something that happened before a certain time in the past.
  The party had finished by 10.00.
  They had left by 10.30.
- We often use the past perfect with the past simple to talk about two actions that happened at different times in the past. We use the past perfect for the action that happened first, and the past simple for the action that happened later.



They **had left** by the time we **arrived**.
By the time we **arrived**, they **had left**.

Time markers

- We often use these time expressions with the past perfect:

by	*I had finished my homework by noon.*
already	*I had already finished my homework when Matt phoned.*
after	*Matt phoned after I had finished my homework.*
just	*I had just finished my homework when Matt phoned.*

When we use the past perfect with the past simple, we use these time expressions with the past simple:

when	*When Matt phoned, I had finished my homework.*
by the time	*By the time Matt phoned, I had finished my homework.*
before	*I had finished my homework before Matt phoned.*

3 Complete with the past perfect.

1 When Lucy arrived at the park, Ryan Cash had left. (leave)
2 It ..... raining, so we didn't go out. (not stop)
3 I phoned Carl at six but he ..... out. (go)
4 I didn't know the boy's name because I ..... him before. (not meet)
5 Aunt Agatha ..... her glasses, so she couldn't watch TV. (not bring)
6 The game ..... by 11.30. (finish)
7 Ben ..... well the night before, so he was very tired. (not sleep)
8 Peter was angry because Lucy ..... his CD. (take)

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4 **Ask and answer. Spike is Rocco's assistant. His job is to have everything ready for the scenes they film in the serial. He had a lot to do for the scene they filmed in the park yesterday. Look at the picture. What had he done by 11 o'clock?**



1 pick up Rocco's suit from the cleaner's ✔
2 buy flowers ✗
3 clean Rocco's shoes ✔
4 wash the car ✗
5 iron Rocco's shirt ✗
6 go to the supermarket ✔

5 **Which action happened first? Tick the correct sentence.**

1 Their train had left by the time we got to the station.
Their train left. ☑ We got to the station. ☐
2 My sister came back after I'd gone to bed.
My sister came back. ☐ I went to bed. ☐
3 After we'd cleaned the house, we went for a walk in the park.
We cleaned the house. ☐ We went for a walk in the park. ☐
4 When I got up this morning, Ken had already had breakfast.
I got up. ☐ Ken had breakfast. ☐
5 I had met Kate's brother before he came to our school.
I met Kate's brother. ☐ He came to our school. ☐
6 We did the washing-up after all the guests had left.
We did the washing up. ☐ The guests left. ☐

6 **Complete with the past perfect or past simple.**

1 By the time we *went* (go) home, we *had spent* (spend) all our money.
2 They ..... (just / move) into this house when we ..... (meet) them.
3 I ..... (just / finish) my project when the phone ..... (ring).
4 Harry ..... (have) a shower after he ..... (wash) his dad's car.
5 I only ..... (find) my pen after I ..... (buy) a new one.
6 By the time Chrissie ..... (get) to the cinema, the film ..... (already / start).
7 We ..... (already / have) lunch when Penny ..... (arrive).
8 I ..... (lock) the door before I ..... (leave) the house.

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