



# Grammar

## Past Perfect Simple

**A** Read the sentences. Then make them negative.

- 1 We had **forgotten** our passports, so we went home to get them
- 2 He had **travelled** all over the world by his 30th birthday.

**B** Answer the questions.

- 1 In sentence 1, what happened first?
- 2 In sentence 2, what happened before his 30th birthday?

**C** Is the sentence below T (True) or F (False)?

We use the Past Perfect Simple for an action or situation that finished before another action, situation or time in the past. ☐

## Past Perfect Continuous

**D** Read the sentences and underline the verbs.

- 1 They had been walking in the desert for days, so they were exhausted.
- 2 We had been driving for a few hours before we realised that we were lost.

**E** Match the uses of the Past Perfect Continuous with the sentences in D.

We use the Past Perfect Continuous for actions

- a that started in the past and were still in progress when another action occurred in the past. ☐
- b that were in progress in the past and had an effect on a later action in the past. ☐

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**F** Complete the sentences with the correct form of the Past Perfect Simple of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 The skier \_\_\_\_\_ (return) to the hotel before the storm started.
- 2 Shelley \_\_\_\_\_ (never / play) golf in her life, but she realised she was very good at it.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ (they / already / call) a taxi by the time you arrived?
- 4 Until 2008, we \_\_\_\_\_ (never / be) sailing.
- 5 I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) as an instructor for ages and was a bit bored with my job.
- 6 Dean and Fran \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) in the Alps once and really enjoyed themselves.

**G** Complete the sentences with the correct form of the Past Perfect Continuous of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 My grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in his old house for ages before he moved in with us.
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ (cope) with my problem for weeks before I found a solution.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ (she / fight) against the disease for long before she died?
- 4 They \_\_\_\_\_ (not fly) for long when they lost radio contact.
- 5 How long \_\_\_\_\_ (you / dig) before you found the buried treasure?
- 6 We \_\_\_\_\_ (play) in the rain since midday, so we were very wet.

**H** Complete the sentences with the correct form of the Past Perfect Simple or the Past Perfect Continuous of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 The survivors \_\_\_\_\_ (finally / reach) a village after days of walking.
- 2 The students \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) for their excursion for months.
- 3 We \_\_\_\_\_ (hope) to find some water for days.
- 4 The man \_\_\_\_\_ (manage) to stay alive for 5 days before he was rescued.
- 5 The explorer \_\_\_\_\_ (not / imagine) that it would be so difficult to cross the river.
- 6 The young man \_\_\_\_\_ (surf) since he was a child.

