Complete the interview with the verbs in parentheses. Use the Simple Past and the Past Perfect tenses. Then, listen and check.

Reflect on Grammar

The Past Perfect Tense

Use it to talk about an action that happened before another action in the past.

When the journalist arrived, the photographer had already taken some pictures of the accident.	First) the photographer took some pictures of the accident. (Later) the journalist arrived. Common expressions: Before (that), By then, already

The Simple Past Tense

Use it to express actions that started and ended in the past.

How did you produce the last piece of news about the truck accident? We published it last week.	Common expressions: Last week, yesterday, that day, when



Journalist: Hi, Tina. You are a student at Lincoln High School. Please tell me about the new library project or the initiative you and your classmates had. What was this story about?

Tina: OK. Last year my classmates and I _____ (notice) that our school library _____ (a. not have) many nice new books and we _____ (b. decide) to do something about it. When we invited _____ (c. invite) neighbors to donate books, we _____ (d. collect already) story books and textbooks from our teachers. Before that, we _____ (e. talk) to the school principal to ask for his permission, of course! The book collection process _____ (f. be) a great success. By the end of last year, we _____ (g. gather already) 250 new books.

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