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'tis Strange – but true; for truth is always strange; stranger than fiction.
Lord Byron, English poet

What a week!

1 GRAMMAR past perfect

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

1 My plants were dead because my neighbor *hadn't watered* them. (not water)

2 I couldn't get into my apartment because I _____ my key. (forget)

3 The teacher was angry because we _____ our homework. (not do)

4 The man lent me his newspaper after he _____ it. (read)

5 They got to the theater after the movie _____. (start)

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b Write questions in the past perfect.

1 **A** I saw *Ocean's Thirteen* last weekend.

B you / see it / before

Had you seen it before?

2 **A** I finished *The Lord of the Rings* last week.

B you / read it / before

_____?

3 **A** My parents were in Thailand last month.

B they / be there / before

_____?

4 **A** We ate sushi last night.

B you / eat it / before

_____?

5 **A** Carlos flew a plane last week.

B he / fly one / before

_____?

c Make the two sentences into one. Use the past perfect and the simple past in each sentence.

1 I drank a lot of coffee. Then I couldn't fall asleep.

I *I couldn't fall asleep* because *I had drunk a lot of coffee*.

2 He grew a beard. After that, she didn't recognize him.

She _____ because _____.

3 I didn't send her a birthday card. After that she didn't speak to me for a week.

She _____ because _____.

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4 We left the door unlocked. Then the thieves got in easily.

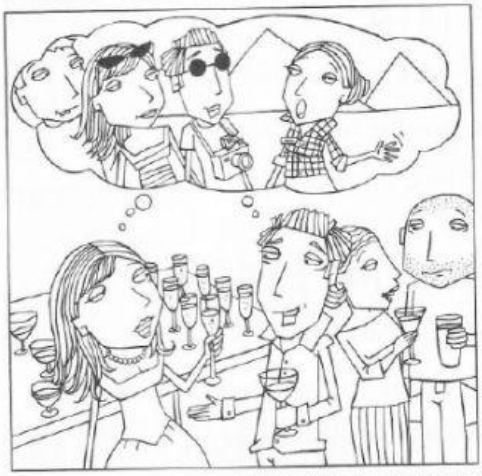
The thieves _____ because _____.

5 I forgot my library card. Then I couldn't take any books from the library.

I _____ because _____.

d Circle the correct verb.

When I introduced Sue and Tim at my party, they were sure they 1 **met** / **had met** before. They 2 **finally discovered** / **had finally discovered** they 3 **were** / **had been** on the same vacation tour the year before.



I was looking for my cell phone yesterday morning, but I couldn't find it. I was sure I 4 **didn't lose** / **hadn't lost** it, because I 5 **saw** / **had seen** it twenty minutes before. Then I realized that I 6 **left** / **had left** it in my pant pocket, and I 7 **put** / **had put** my pants in the washing machine!

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3 VOCABULARY adverbs

Complete the stories with these words.

luckily unfortunately accidentally suddenly (x2) immediately (x2) ~~strangely~~

The other day I realized that people were looking at me very 1 *strangely*. I didn't know why. Then I 2_____ realized that I'd 3_____ gone out with my slippers on! I 4_____ went home and put my shoes on instead.

5_____ stopped for no reason. 6_____ we stopped before we hit it, but 7_____ my sister hit the windshield and cut her head. We took her to the hospital 8_____.

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