

Exercises

15.1 Read the situations and write sentences from the words in brackets.

- 1 You went to Sue's house, but she wasn't there.
(she / go / out) *She had gone out.*
- 2 You went back to your home town after many years. It wasn't the same as before.
(it / change / a lot)
- 3 I invited Rachel to the party, but she couldn't come.
(she / arrange / to do something else)
- 4 You went to the cinema last night. You got to the cinema late.
(the film / already / start)
- 5 It was nice to see Daniel again after such a long time.
(I / not / see / him for five years)
- 6 I offered Sue something to eat, but she wasn't hungry.
(she / just / have / breakfast)

15.2 For each situation, write a sentence ending with **never ... before**. Use the verb in brackets.

- 1 The man sitting next to you on the plane was very nervous. It was his first flight.
(fly) *He'd never flown before.*
- 2 Somebody sang a song. I didn't know it.
(hear) I _____ before.
- 3 Sam played tennis yesterday. He wasn't very good at it because it was his first game.
(play) He _____
- 4 Last year we went to Mexico. It was our first time there.
(be there) We _____

15.3 Use the sentences on the left to complete the paragraphs on the right. These sentences are in the order in which they happened – so (a) happened before (b), (b) before (c) etc. But your paragraph begins with the underlined sentence, so sometimes you need the past perfect.

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| 1 (a) Somebody broke into the office during the night. | We arrived at work in the morning and found that <u>somebody had broken</u> into the office during the night. So _____ the police. |
| (b) <u>We arrived at work in the morning.</u> | |
| (c) We called the police. | |
| 2 (a) Laura went out this morning. | I went to Laura's house this morning and rang her doorbell, but _____ no answer. _____ out. |
| (b) <u>I rang her doorbell.</u> | |
| (c) There was no answer. | |
| 3 (a) Jim came back from holiday a few days ago. | I met Jim a few days ago. _____ just _____ holiday. _____ very well. |
| (b) <u>I met him the same day.</u> | |
| (c) He looked very well. | |
| 4 (a) Kevin sent Sally lots of emails. | Yesterday Kevin _____ from Sally. _____ very surprised. _____ lots of emails, but _____. |
| (b) She never replied to them. | |
| (c) <u>Yesterday he got a phone call from her.</u> | |
| (d) He was very surprised. | |

15.4 Put the verb into the correct form, past perfect (**I had done**) or past simple (**I did**).

- 1 'Was Paul at the party when you arrived?' 'No, he had gone (go) home.'
- 2 I felt very tired when I got home, so I _____ (go) straight to bed.
- 3 The house was very quiet when I got home. Everybody _____ (go) to bed.
- 4 Sorry I'm late. The car _____ (break) down on my way here.
- 5 We were driving along the road when we _____ (see) a car which _____ (break) down, so we _____ (stop) to help.