
DESCRIBING PAST EVENTS

a) Think about how the sentences below might be continued. Then, complete each sentence with your own ideas using the PAST PERFECT SIMPLE or PAST PERFECT PROGRESSIVE.

1. I couldn't find the restaurant because
2. I failed the English exam because
3. I argued with my girlfriend because
4. I couldn't eat the steak because
5. I didn't wake up on-time because

B) Read these sentences and complete them with the PAST SIMPLE, the PAST PERFECT SIMPLE or the PAST PERFECT PROGRESSIVE of the verbs in parentheses.

1. Roger _____ (arrive) late at the train station. By the time he _____ (reach) the platform, the train _____ (leave).
2. Alison _____ (talk) on the phone with her sister for three hours by the time she _____ (hang) up. She _____ (not speak) to her for a long time and she _____ (have) lots of news to tell her.
3. By the time the sun _____ (go) down, we _____ (play) tennis for four hours. We _____ (be) exhausted.