

THE PAST PERFECT

simple or perfect?

We sometimes talk about something that happened in the past, and we use the **PAST PERFECT** to talk about actions that took place **BEFORE** that past.

1. I _____ that woman. I _____ her before. (never see / know)

2. I _____ hungry because I _____. (not be / just eat)

3. The flat _____ quite dirty because my flatmates _____ it that week. (not clean / be)

4. I _____ home when my brother _____ (just get / phone)

5. I _____ terrified when the plane took off because I _____ before. (never fly / feel)

6. At first I _____ I _____ the right thing, but then I realised I _____ a terrible mistake. (make / think / do)

already ring, say, smell, already disappear, inherit, go (2), eat, arrive, dance, realise, not hear, visit, sneeze

1. The origins of the Union flag, commonly known as Union Jack date back to 1603, when King James VI of Scotland _____ the English and Irish thrones (as James I), and united the crowns of England, Scotland and Ireland.

2. When scientists _____ that ice - melting in the Arctic was becoming an important environmental issue, a 10% of it _____.

3. The baby _____ lunch at one o'clock, but he was still hungry!

4. Grandpa Joe _____ a word I _____ because he was totally deaf.

5. Paul and his family _____ for a walk after they _____ their parents.

6. David _____ just after he _____ the flowers. He's allergic!

7. The kids _____ straight to bed. They _____ a lot at the dancing lessons and they were really tired.

8. When Peter _____ to school yesterday morning, the bell _____.

Rewrite with BEFORE!

1. The woman sitting next to me on the plane was terrified. It was her first flight. *She had never flown before / She hadn't flown before.*

2. I played chess yesterday. I lost because it was my first game. I _____ (play).

3. We travelled to London last year. It was our first time there. We _____ (be)

4. It was the first time I saw that strange man in our neighbourhood. I _____ (see)

5. The loft was filthy. It was the first time they cleaned it. They _____ (clean)

6. I loved Vietnamese food. It was the first time I tasted it. I _____ (eat)

7. I bought my car in 2007. It was my first car. I _____ (buy)

8. We drank Guinness beer when we visited the factory. We _____ (drink)