

Past Simple or Past Perfect?

1. Complete the sentences. Use the Past Simple or Past Perfect Simple.

1. People _____ (not go) to that forest because unusual things _____ (happen) there in the past.
2. _____ the murderer _____ (escape) before the police _____ (arrive)?
3. The mysterious lights _____ (become) much brighter by the time Sue _____ (climb) to the top of the building.
4. The newspaper editor _____ (be) furious because the reporter _____ (make up) the story about the ghost.

2. Complete the text with the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple or Past Perfect Simple.

During World War II, an Australian soldier ¹..... (see) some old coins on an Australian island. The soldier ²..... (take) them home with him and ³..... (put) them in a box. Then, in 1979, he ⁴..... (find) the old box where he ⁵..... (leave) the coins years before. He ⁶..... (not think) they were very important, but he ⁷..... (send) them to a museum. Apparently, someone ⁸..... (bring) these coins to Australia from Africa a very long time before. The coins were more than 600 years old. This means that people from the West ⁹..... (arrive) in Australia long before the first European explorers ¹⁰..... (get) there. Until the soldier's discovery, similar coins ¹¹..... (appear) in only one place outside Africa – in Oman. According to one expert, this proves sailors from Africa ¹²..... (come) to Australia many years before the first Europeans.

3. Complete the sentences with the verbs below. Use the correct form of *used to*.

do ♦ be ♦ play ♦ live ♦ watch

1. I documentaries, but now I find them interesting.
2. What games you ?
3. Tina a lot of sport, but now she's too busy.
4. Where you before you moved here?
5. I afraid of the dark when I was young.