

## GRAMMAR Past perfect

### 1 Write the past perfect forms of the verbs.

1. plan had planned
2. be \_\_\_\_\_
3. not be \_\_\_\_\_
4. ski \_\_\_\_\_
5. not finish \_\_\_\_\_
6. not see \_\_\_\_\_
7. hear \_\_\_\_\_
8. feel \_\_\_\_\_

### 2 Complete the paragraph with verbs from Exercise 1.

**Tell us your NATURAL DISASTER STORIES**

**Rachel Patterson:**

My family <sup>1</sup> had planned a trip to Japan. Then we couldn't go because my father got sick. We finally went a year later. We <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ there for two days when an earthquake happened. I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ earthquakes in California before, but never one like this! We were at a restaurant, and I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my lunch. It went flying across the room!

**David Alba:**

I <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ snow before. But last week, I saw a lot of it! I went skiing in Denver, Colorado. I took ski lessons on the first day. My instructor <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ all over the world, and she was a great teacher.

There <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ an avalanche at the ski resort in over 10 years. However, on the second day, my instructor <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on TV that conditions were right for avalanches, so she cancelled our lessons. Later that day, no one was allowed to ski, and there was an avalanche! Luckily, I was safe!

### 3 Read the sentences. Then circle the answer that correctly explains each situation.

1. Elsa hadn't been to Costa Rica before her trip.
  - a. She has been to Costa Rica more than once.
  - b. She went to Costa Rica once.
2. The forest fire had started before breakfast.
  - a. The forest fire started in the morning.
  - b. The forest fire started in the afternoon.

3. Andrew had read an interesting article about tsunamis.
  - a. Andrew read an article about tsunamis.
  - b. Andrew didn't read an article about tsunamis.
4. Sun-hi hadn't told Paul about the hurricane.
  - a. Paul knew about the hurricane.
  - b. Paul didn't know about the hurricane.
5. June had finished the reading before school.
  - a. June finished the reading.
  - b. June didn't finish the reading.
6. The weather hadn't been good before the disaster.
  - a. The disaster caused the weather to be bad.
  - b. The disaster didn't cause the weather to be bad.

### Past perfect yes/no questions

#### 4 Write yes/no questions and answers in the past perfect. ✓ = yes, X = no.

1. Dylan / hear / about the volcanic eruption / (X)  
 Q: Had Dylan heard about the volcanic eruption?  
 A: No, he hadn't.
2. you / be / to San Francisco before the earthquake / (✓)  
 Q: \_\_\_\_\_  
 A: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Sally / read / the article before class / (X)  
 Q: \_\_\_\_\_  
 A: \_\_\_\_\_
4. your parents / tell / about the flood / (X)  
 Q: \_\_\_\_\_  
 A: \_\_\_\_\_
5. the volcano / be / quiet for several months (✓)  
 Q: \_\_\_\_\_  
 A: \_\_\_\_\_
6. you and your brother / see / a tornado / before / (✓)  
 Q: \_\_\_\_\_  
 A: \_\_\_\_\_