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

David Alba:

I [5] _____ 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 [6] _____ all over the world, and she was a great teacher.

There [7] _____ an avalanche at the ski resort in over 10 years. However, on the second day, my instructor [8] _____ 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, ✗ = no.

1. Dylan / hear / about the volcanic eruption / (✗)
   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 / (✗)
   Q: _____
   A: _____
4. your parents / tell / about the flood / (✗)
   Q: _____
   A: _____
5. the volcano / be / quiet for several months (✓)
   Q: _____
   A: _____
6. you and your brother / see / a tornado / before / (✓)
   Q: _____
   A: _____

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