2.2 Grammar

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He had collected a container of waste.
I hadn't realised what it looked like.
Had this idea helped? Yes, it had./No, it hadn't.

Past Perfect and Past Simple

When I got there, the zoo-keeper had just fed them.
He'd already mixed the waste with water before I arrived.
I left the zoo after we'd had lunch.

Time expressions

when, before, after, just, already, by the time

1 ● Complete the sentences with the Past Perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

1 By the time she was twenty-five, Silvia *had travelled* (travel) all over the world.
2 They were hungry because they _____ (not eat) their breakfast.
3 _____ (you/finish) your homework before you went out last night?
4 Five minutes into the film, I realised I _____ (see) it before.
5 _____ (you/try) Mexican food before you went to that restaurant?
6 James was pleased when he changed class because he _____ (not be) happy in his old class.

2 ●● Complete the sentences with the Past Perfect form of the verbs below.

already/leave ~~close~~ forget never/see not buy not realise

1 We arrived late at the zoo and it *had closed.*
2 Miguel _____ how much work he still had to do on his History project.
3 When I arrived at the party, Julia _____.
4 When I got to class, I realised I _____ to bring my homework.
5 Jack and Fiona couldn't go to the concert because they _____ any tickets.
6 Chiara _____ a volcano before she went to Indonesia.

3 ● Choose the correct option.

1 We were very tired because we *went* / *had gone* to bed late the night before.
2 Had you ever visited a national park before you *went* / *had been* to South Africa?
3 We *waited* / *had waited* in line for two hours when the ticket office finally opened.
4 I *had already read* / *already read* the book, so I knew how the film ended.

4 ●● Use the prompts to make sentences. Use the Past Perfect and the Past Simple.

1 Angela / not study / English / before / she / visit / London
Angela hadn't studied English before she visited London.
2 by the time / I / finish / school yesterday / it / get / dark outside
_____
3 how long / you / have / your bike / when / somebody / steal / it / ?
_____
4 I / just / arrived / at the party / when / it / finish
_____
5 Kayla / be / tired / because / she / not sleep / well
_____

5 ●● Complete the blog post with the time expressions below.

after already ~~before~~ by the time just

Worst day ever today!

I got up late and [1] *before* I went downstairs to have breakfast, everybody had eaten all the pancakes my mum had made. [2] _____ I had made my own breakfast (cereal ☹), I got dressed quickly and left for school. I had [3] _____ walked out of the door when it started raining. And guess what: I didn't have an umbrella. Then my bus got stuck in traffic, so [4] _____ I arrived at school, classes had [5] _____ started. The teacher was really annoyed with me and said that I had to read a whole unit of the book. I had to stay in class during break to finish it.

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