

Grammar practice

1 Match and make sentences.

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| 1 By the time the police caught the thief, | a she had seen a dolphin. |
| 2 Laurence had lived in New York | b when we spoke to him. |
| 3 After they had sold their car, | c before he moved to London. |
| 4 We didn't leave | d when it started to rain. |
| 5 It was the first time | e he had sold all the jewellery. |
| 6 As soon as I had shouted at him, | f until we had locked all the doors. |
| 7 They had just washed the car | g it had stopped ringing. |
| 8 I arrived at your house | h they bought a motorbike. |
| 9 The lawyer hadn't received the letter | i I felt sorry. |
| 10 By the time she picked up the phone, | j but you had already left. |

2 Complete with the *past perfect simple*.

- 1 They had finished (finish) their lesson before one o'clock.
- 2 She was worried because her son (not call) all day.
- 3 (Paul / think) of this before you told him?
- 4 By five thirty everybody (go) home.
- 5 (they / have) dinner by the time you got there?
- 6 We (not realise) it was so late until the waiter brought the bill.
- 7 Was it cold? (you / take) your coat with you?
- 8 As soon as he (leave), the boss asked for him.
- 9 Jackie didn't do the exercise because she (not understand) it.
- 10 I (already / put on) my pyjamas when she asked me to go out with her.

3 Complete with the *past perfect simple* or *past simple*.

- 1 The game had already begun (already / begin) when we turned (turn) on the television.
- 2 As soon as Leslie (pay) for her shopping, she (leave).
- 3 After I (talk) to my teacher, everything (seem) easier.
- 4 It (not snow) at the ski resort until they (arrive).
- 5 (they / just / wake up) when you (call) them?
- 6 By the time I (meet) him, he (already / make) three films.
- 7 (you / ever / use) a computer before you (get) this job?
- 8 After the plane (take) off, the young woman (relax).
- 9 The little boy (never / be) to the theatre before.
- 10 We (just / begin) the lesson when the alarm bell (ring).