

# 12A Strange but true!

## 1 GRAMMAR past perfect

a Complete the sentences with the past perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

- The streets were white because it had snowed the night before. (snow)
- I suddenly remembered that I \_\_\_\_\_ the windows before I left the house. (not close)
- We got to the cinema ten minutes after the film \_\_\_\_\_. (start)
- Tina felt nervous because she \_\_\_\_\_ before (not fly)
- Paul lent me the book after he \_\_\_\_\_ it. (read)
- They missed the flight because they \_\_\_\_\_ the announcement. (not hear)

b Write questions in the past perfect.

- A I drove my boyfriend's car this morning.  
B you / drive it / before  
Had you driven it before ?
- A My friends ate sushi in Japan.  
B they / eat sushi / before  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?
- A My brother won a gold medal.  
B he / win a medal / before  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?
- A The children made a cake yesterday.  
B they / make a cake / before  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?
- A My sister ran in the London marathon last weekend.  
B she / run a marathon / before  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?
- A We went to Brazil on holiday.  
B you / be there / before  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?

c Make these two sentences into one. Use the past perfect and the past simple.

- We bought some souvenirs. Then we went back to the hotel.  
After we had bought some souvenirs, we went back to the hotel.
- Max did the ironing. Then he put the clothes away.  
After Max \_\_\_\_\_.
- They watched the news. Then they turned off the TV.  
After \_\_\_\_\_.
- I read the book. Then I gave it back.  
When \_\_\_\_\_.
- Ruth tried on the top. Then she went to the checkout.  
After Ruth \_\_\_\_\_.
- We had dinner. Then we did the washing up.  
After \_\_\_\_\_.

d Circle the correct verb.



Last week my neighbour was on holiday. One night I <sup>1</sup> **heard** / **had heard** a strange noise in her house. I <sup>2</sup> **opened** / **had opened** the door to have a look, and I found that someone <sup>3</sup> **broke** / **had broken** into the house.

Luckily, he (or she!) <sup>4</sup> **already left** / **had already left** when I got there, and they <sup>5</sup> **didn't steal** / **hadn't stolen** much as far as I could see – just the TV.



I was looking for my mobile yesterday morning, but I couldn't find it. I was sure I <sup>6</sup> **didn't lose** / **hadn't lost** it, because I <sup>7</sup> **saw** / **had seen** it twenty minutes before. Then I realized that I <sup>8</sup> **left** / **had left** it in my trouser pocket, and I <sup>9</sup> **put** / **had put** my trousers in the washing machine!