

Past simple vs past perfect.

Exercise 1. Complete the sentences with words from the box.

Already - before - by - by the time - once - only - until - yet

1. We didn't go to bed _____ we'd cleared up all the mess. It took a long time!
2. I'd _____ just gone to sleep when my phone rang and woke me up.
3. I hadn't _____ posted the letter when Toby spoke to me in the street.
4. When we got to the theatre the show had _____ started.

Exercise 2. We use past simple when we refer to a finished time and present perfect when we refer to an unfinished or recent time.

Write the time expressions in the correct place.

Just - since - on Tuesday - up to now - ago - last holidays - so far - ever - yet - last week

| Past simple | Present perfect |
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