

# 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. Everyone had gone home \_\_\_\_\_ eleven o'clock.
2. The meeting only began \_\_\_\_\_ Toby had arrived
3. Had you been to Paris \_\_\_\_\_ or was that your first time?
4. All the shops had closed \_\_\_\_\_ we got into town.

**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.**

Ever - in 2005 - 8 April - just - since - never - last week - already - yesterday - recently

Past simple	Present perfect