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

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