

## GRAMMAR PRACTICE

### 1 Match the past perfect and past simple sentence halves together.

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| 1. As soon as I had finished my sushi         | a. he fed the dog                             |
| 2. Before I made a dentist appointment,       | b. as soon as I had landed on the island.     |
| 3. After I had bought a new bed,              | c. she made a short thank-you speech.         |
| 4. After the man had come home,               | d. before I saw it with my family.            |
| 5. I had watched the film alone               | e. before I got my license.                   |
| 6. When she had read all the greetings cards, | f. I had found 3 cavities.                    |
| 7. I had already bought a car                 | g. I realized I didn't have the space for it. |
| 8. I went straight to the beach               | h. I felt sick.                               |

### 2 Complete the sentences with the correct past tense.

1. Before I moved to London, I .....(study) English for two years.
2. When I was a student, I .....(not have) much money.
3. Why ..... she still ..... (work) at one o'clock in the morning.
4. Last week, our teacher gave back the essays we..... (write) the week before.
5. By the time the police arrived at the bank, the robber.....  
(escape/already).
6. They.....(just/arrive) at the resort when they.....  
(heard) about the hurricane.
7. By 2:00pm yesterday, she ..... (leave/already) the office.
8. She ..... (get) ready for the party when I ..... (call) her.

### 3 Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences.

- a. Brian returned home because he had forget his phone. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Helen started crying because she never seen the snow. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. I took a taxi because I hadn't missed the bus. \_\_\_\_\_

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**4** Complete the passage with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Until a few years ago, no one ..... (hear) of Harry Potter, the young wizard and hero of the children's book Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. The writer, J K Rowling, ..... (already / write) several stories and books, but this was the first book that was published. She ..... (get) the idea for the story of a wizard at magic school while she ..... (travel) on a train to London. By the time the train ..... (reach) King's Cross station, she ..... (invent) most of the characters. When the book was published in 1997, no one ..... (imagine) it would be such a tremendous success, but it quickly ..... (become) a bestseller. While millions of young readers in many countries ..... (enjoy) her first Harry Potter book, J K Rowling ..... (think) of ideas for the next book in this incredibly popular series.

**5** Choose the sentence which is closer in meaning to the original.

**1. I had already seen the film but I decided to watch it again last night.**

- a. I watched the film last night for the first time.
- b. Last night wasn't the first time that I had seen the film.

**2. The boys were playing football while it was raining.**

- a. The boys were playing football until it started to rain.
- b. The boys played football in the rain.

**3. I was writing an e-mail when our computer broke down.**

- a. Our computer broke down before I wrote an e-mail.
- b. I had started writing an e-mail and then our computer broke down.

**4. My aunt bought me a lovely gift after she had spent the summer holiday with us.**

- a. When the summer holiday was over, my aunt bought me a lovely gift.
- b. While my aunt was spending the summer holiday with us, she bought us a lovely gift.