

Past Perfect

1 ★ Complete the sentences with the correct forms from the box.

had already left had looked had come
had forgotten had never been had never learned
had run out of had seen had spent had started

1 Before our trip to London, Majid had never been to an art gallery before.

2 By the time we woke up, the bus to the seaside

3 As soon as I got to the airport, I realised that I _____ to bring my passport.

4 Asmir couldn't buy a ticket because he _____ all his money.

5 By the time we arrived, the café _____ sandwiches.

6 After we _____ the Picasso exhibition, we left the gallery and went for lunch.

7 We finally got into the exhibition at 2 p.m. – four hours after we _____ queuing!

8 We met some people from Australia who _____ to Britain to see their grandparents.

9 Sarah _____ Spanish before she moved to Madrid.

10 Last year I found an old manuscript in the attic. I discovered that researchers _____ for it for centuries.

2 ★ Match sentences 1–6 with responses a–f.

1 John was tired when we saw him.
2 Why did Milo look so scared?
3 What was Russ worried about?
4 Nick ate lots of food at the barbecue! He was really hungry.
5 Do you know why Stephanie was angry yesterday?
6 Poor Laura was really wet when she arrived.

a That's right. He hadn't eaten breakfast that morning.
b Yes, he had stayed up studying until 2 a.m. the night before!
c Yes, her friend had borrowed her phone and lost it!
d I know. It was sunny when she left home, so she hadn't taken a coat.
e He had watched a horror film alone in the dark.
f He hadn't studied enough for his exam.

3 ★ Read the text and match questions 1–6 with answers a–f.

In 2009, a Hungarian researcher discovered a long-lost painting known as 'Sleeping Lady with a Black Vase'. How did he do it?

1 Had he tried to find it before?
2 That was lucky! How long had it been lost for?
3 Where had it been all that time?
4 Where had she found it?
5 Had she known it was famous when she bought it?
6 Had the researcher contacted her about it?

a Nobody knows exactly, but it turned up in California; a woman who worked for Sony Pictures had it.
b No, she hadn't. She just thought it would look good in the film. A few years later she sold it and the painting returned to Hungary.
c No, he hadn't, but he'd known about it. Then, one day, he was watching a film with his daughter and he suddenly noticed the painting in the background.
d Yes, he had. He had sent her an email and she had replied that the painting was on her wall at home. She realised it was valuable and she sold it.
e About eighty years. It had disappeared in the late 1920s.
f She'd found it in an antiques shop.

4 ★★ Complete the sentences with the correct Past Perfect forms of the verbs in brackets.

When I got home, I realised that ...

1 I had left (leave) my phone on the bus.
2 I _____ (forgot) my English books.
3 I _____ (not say) goodbye to my friends.
4 my parents _____ (ask) me to buy some milk on the way home.
5 I _____ (not take) my keys in the morning and there was no-one at home.
6 we _____ (arrange) to go to my grandparents' **LIVE WORKSHEETS**

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