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'

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