



## Grammar in context

### Let's practise!

#### 1 Circle the correct alternative to complete the rules. 4

- 1 We form the past perfect with had + present/past participle.
- 2 We use the past perfect when we talk about actions that happened before/after another action or actions in the past.

#### 2 Which two time expressions do we not use with the past perfect?

after = as soon as = by the time  
recently = when = while

#### 3 Match the halves to make sentences. Then underline the thing which happened first in each sentence. Is the verb in the past simple or the past perfect?

- 1 After we had had the argument
- 2 By the time I realised my mistake
- 3 She started reading a new book
- 4 They hadn't eaten anything all day
- 5 When they had had their dinner
- 6 He didn't swim
- 7 They had won the competition

a they washed the dishes.  
b so they had a party to celebrate.  
c I did something stupid.  
d because he had forgotten to bring his towel.  
e so they ordered a big pizza.  
f I had sent the nasty message.  
g because she had finished the one she was reading.

#### 4 Look at these important dates in history and write positive or negative sentences with the past perfect.

- 1 4500 BC – invent the wheel

*By 4500 BC they had invented the wheel.*

- 2 1400 – start to print books

- 3 1805 – make the first battery

- 4 1895 – discover X-rays

- 5 1900 – fly for the first time

- 6 1910 – discover penicillin

- 7 1932 – split the atom

- 8 1953 – find the structure of DNA

- 9 1960 – walk on the moon

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#### 5 Read the situations and write sentences from the words in brackets.

- 1 You went to Sue's house, but she wasn't there.  
(she / go / out) She had gone out.
- 2 You went back to your home town after many years. It wasn't the same as before.  
(it / change / a lot)
- 3 I invited Rachel to the party, but she couldn't come.  
(she / arrange / to do something else)
- 4 You went to the cinema last night. You got to the cinema late.  
(the film / already / start)
- 5 It was nice to see Daniel again after such a long time.  
(I / not / see / him for five years)
- 6 I offered Sue something to eat, but she wasn't hungry.  
(she / just / have / breakfast)