

By the time

When

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until

Everybody **had gone** to bed **by the time** I **walked into** the house

They introduce the second event  
(Past simple)

After/ since/  
because

They introduce the 1st  
event  
(Past perfect)

**After** Everybody **had gone** to bed, I **walked into** the house.

## 12A Past perfect

- a Complete the text with the past perfect form of the verbs in brackets.



Staff at a supermarket were surprised to find a tiger in their shop on Monday morning. The tiger <sup>1</sup> had gone (go) into the supermarket because it was hungry. It <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (break) the door to get in, but the alarm <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not go) off because the shop manager <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (forget) to put it on. The tiger <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a terrible mess in the shop. It <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (find) the meat section and it <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) a lot of the meat from the fridges. The police gave the tiger some more meat with a drug in it. When the tiger <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) eating the drugged meat, it fell asleep. Then the police took the tiger back to the zoo. The tiger <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (escape) from the zoo the previous night, after a zoo worker <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) a cage open.

# Past Perfect

- Match the sentence halves.

- 1 ☒ When she turned on the TV ...
  - 2 ☐ Yesterday I found some old pictures ...
  - 3 ☐ When I checked my emails after my holiday, ...
  - 4 ☐ When I started my meal, ...
  - 5 ☐ The flat was dark when we got home ...
  - 6 ☐ They didn't know what to do ...
- a everybody else had already finished.  
b I saw that I'd received over 200!  
c because they hadn't listened to the instructions.  
d because we'd forgotten to leave the light on.  
e which I'd drawn when I was a child.  
f the programme had already started.

- c Complete the sentences with one past simple and one past perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Nobody came (come) to the meeting because Jed had forgotten (forget) to send the invitations.
- 2 Zofia \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) late because her bus \_\_\_\_\_ (break) down.
- 3 My parents \_\_\_\_\_ (not go) to Rome before, so they \_\_\_\_\_ (be) really excited.
- 4 Fred \_\_\_\_\_ (not do) his homework when the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) for it.
- 5 By the time I \_\_\_\_\_ (find) the website, they \_\_\_\_\_ (sell) all the tickets.
- 6 The kitchen \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very messy because I \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) time to clean up.
- 7 I \_\_\_\_\_ (never fly) before so I \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) very nervous.
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ (the match / finished) when you \_\_\_\_\_ (get) there?