

Past Perfect

By the time

They introduce the second event
(Past simple)

When

Before

until

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

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 ¹ had gone (go) into the supermarket because it was hungry. It ² _____ (break) the door to get in, but the alarm ³ _____ (not go) off because the shop manager ⁴ _____ (forget) to put it on. The tiger ⁵ _____ (make) a terrible mess in the shop. It ⁶ _____ (find) the meat section and it ⁷ _____ (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 ⁸ _____ (finish) eating the drugged meat, it fell asleep. Then the police took the tiger back to the zoo. The tiger ⁹ _____ (escape) from the zoo the previous night, after a zoo worker ¹⁰ _____ (leave) a cage open.

i Match the sentence halves.

- 1 f 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?