Past Perfect

By the time
When
Before
until

They introduce the second event (Past simple)

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.

b 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?

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