

RULES

We use the *past perfect simple* to refer to actions that happened **before/after** a specific point in the past.

We use the *past simple / past perfect simple* to describe the more distant action in the past.

We use the *past simple / past perfect simple* to describe the more recent action.

1 Are the verbs in bold past simple (PS) or past perfect (PP)?

- 1 We **went** to that restaurant because you'd recommended it.
- 2 I **hadn't eaten** sushi before I met Wang.
- 3 By 2012, my brother **had appeared** in two TV commercials.
- 4 We had the charity auction after we'd **raised** £75.
- 5 The film had started by the time I **found** my seat.

2 Choose the correct option.

- 1 My boss **bought** / 'd **bought** that car because he **saw** / 'd **seen** it on TV.
- 2 By two o'clock, all the students **went** / **had gone** home.
- 3 They **didn't travel abroad** / **hadn't travelled abroad** before last summer.
- 4 Dakota **studied** / **hadn't studied** English before she **came** / 'd **come** England.
- 5 I **didn't go** / **hadn't gone** to the cinema because I **saw** / 'd **already seen** the film on TV.
- 6 Before I **became** / **had become** Head Girl, our chess team **had never won** / **didn't win** the championship.

3 Complete the sentences with the past simple or past perfect forms of the verbs in the box.

eat too much food
not do well

become very popular
win the match

buy some costumes
not plan to vote

1 I for him until he gave us these!

1 Neal Caffrey in his exams because he hadn't studied at all.

2 Last week, I that I'd seen in a shop.

3 By 2022, the app and it was difficult not to know it.

4 We were late to the court. By the time we arrived, Federer

5 Peter didn't feel well because he for dinner.