

## Exercises

**15.1** Read the situations and write sentences from the words in brackets.

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

**15.2** For each situation, write a sentence ending with **never ... before**. Use the verb in brackets.

- The man sitting next to you on the plane was very nervous. It was his first flight.  
(fly) *He'd never flown before.*
- Somebody sang a song. I didn't know it.  
(hear) I \_\_\_\_\_ before.
- Sam played tennis yesterday. He wasn't very good at it because it was his first game.  
(play) He \_\_\_\_\_
- Last year we went to Mexico. It was our first time there.  
(be there) We \_\_\_\_\_

**15.3** Use the sentences on the left to complete the paragraphs on the right. These sentences are in the order in which they happened – so (a) happened before (b), (b) before (c) etc. But your paragraph begins with the underlined sentence, so sometimes you need the past perfect.

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| (a) Somebody broke into the office during the night. | } We arrived at work in the morning and found that <u>somebody had broken</u> into the office during the night. So _____ the police. |
| (b) <u>We arrived at work in the morning.</u>        |  |
| (c) We called the police.                            |  |
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| (a) Laura went out this morning. | } I went to Laura's house this morning and rang her doorbell, but _____ no answer. _____ out. |
| (b) <u>I rang her doorbell.</u>  |   |
| (c) There was no answer.         |   |
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| (a) Jim came back from holiday a few days ago. | } I met Jim a few days ago. _____ just _____ holiday. _____ very well. |
| (b) <u>I met him the same day.</u>             |  |
| (c) He looked very well.                       |  |
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| (a) Kevin sent Sally lots of emails.               | } Yesterday Kevin _____ from Sally. _____ very surprised. _____ lots of emails, but _____. |
| (b) She never replied to them.                     |  |
| (c) <u>Yesterday he got a phone call from her.</u> |  |
| (d) He was very surprised.                         |  |

**15.4** Put the verb into the correct form, past perfect (**I had done**) or past simple (**I did**).

- 'Was Paul at the party when you arrived?' 'No, he had gone (go) home.'
- I felt very tired when I got home, so I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) straight to bed.
- The house was very quiet when I got home. Everybody \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to bed.
- Sorry I'm late. The car \_\_\_\_\_ (break) down on my way here.
- We were driving along the road when we \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a car which \_\_\_\_\_ (break) down, so we \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) to help.