Exercises

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

1 You went to Sue's house, but she wasn't there.
(she / go / out) She had gone out.
2 You went back to your home town after many years. It wasn't the same as before.
(it / change / a lot) .....
3 I invited Rachel to the party, but she couldn't come.
(she / arrange / to do something else) .....
4 You went to the cinema last night. You got to the cinema late.
(the film / already / start) .....
5 It was nice to see Daniel again after such a long time.
(I / not / see / him for five years) .....
6 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.**

1 The man sitting next to you on the plane was very nervous. It was his first flight.
(fly) He'd never flown before.
2 Somebody sang a song. I didn't know it.
(hear) I ..... before.
3 Sam played tennis yesterday. He wasn't very good at it because it was his first game.
(play) He .....
4 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.**

1 (a) Somebody broke into the office during the night.
(b) We arrived at work in the morning.
(c) We called the police.

We arrived at work in the morning and found that somebody had broken into the office during the night. So ..... the police.

2 (a) Laura went out this morning.
(b) I rang her doorbell.
(c) There was no answer.

I went to Laura's house this morning and rang her doorbell, but ..... no answer. ..... out.

3 (a) Jim came back from holiday a few days ago.
(b) I met him the same day.
(c) He looked very well.

I met Jim a few days ago. ..... just ..... holiday. ..... very well.

4 (a) Kevin sent Sally lots of emails.
(b) She never replied to them.
(c) Yesterday he got a phone call from her.
(d) He was very surprised.

Yesterday Kevin ..... from Sally. ..... very surprised. ..... lots of emails, but ..... .

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

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

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