

Past Perfect revision

1 Choose the correct options.

Tess: ⁰ Have you heard / *Had you heard* the news? ¹ *There has been* / *had been* a robbery at the museum! Last night someone ² *tried* / *had tried* to steal a painting.

Mark: Really?

Tess: Yes, and it isn't the first robbery there, either. When the staff came back to work after Christmas, they found out that someone ³ *broke in* / *had broken in* during the holidays.

Mark: So ⁴ *did they find out* / *had they found out* what happened? How did the robbers get in?

Tess: Well, it seems someone ⁵ *forgot* / *had forgotten* to switch on the alarm before they went home.

Mark: Oh dear – that ⁶ *was* / *had been* bad!

Tess: Yes, but then the police discovered that the robbers ⁷ *didn't take* / *hadn't taken* anything. The security guard saw them and called the police.

Mark: Right ... so what about last night?

Tess: Well, that was different – by the time the police arrived, the robbers ⁸ *left* / *had left* with the most valuable painting in the museum!

2 Complete the sentences with the correct past simple or past perfect form of the verb in brackets.

0 I almost didn't recognise Harriet because she had changed (change) her hair colour.

1 I _____ (call) the police last night because someone had stolen my car.

2 _____ (you / ever / meet) John before you saw him at the party yesterday?

3 I suddenly remembered where I _____ (see) that man before.

4 By the time I got to the station, the train _____ (leave).

5 The shop owners _____ (buy) a burglar alarm after they had been robbed a second time.

6 I didn't know Ben _____ (work) in a bank before he joined this company.

7 The policeman _____ (win) an award for bravery because he had rescued some people from a fire.