

Exercise 1: Choose the correct option based on the pictures.

Before they arrived....

My dad the grass. 

I the car. 

 her bike?

The train already. 

Sam us. 

Exercise 2: Choose the sentence that has a similar meaning to the first one.

When I got to Lucy's, Muriel had taken her wallet.

- Muriel took Lucy's wallet after I arrived.
- Muriel took Lucy's wallet before I arrived.

The children cried after their dad had been taken to the jail by the police.

- The dad was taken to the jail before the children cried.
- The dad was taken to the jail after the children cried.

Before we could do anything, the arsonist had set all the bins on fire.

- The arsonist set all the bins on fire and we couldn't do anything about it.
- The arsonist set all the bins on fire, but we could do something about it.

Exercise 3: Put the verbs in the brackets into the correct Past Perfect form.

The judge _____ (tell) us her verdict.

Vandals _____ (destroy) several windows before the police arrived.

My husband _____ (deal) drugs before we met.

The criminal _____ (wet) his pants after he was caught.

Our house _____ (break) into because we lived in dangerous neighbourhood.

Exercise 4: Choose the correct option.

When Maple opened/had opened the door, she realized that somebody broke/had broken into.

Marianne was furious because her laptop disappeared/had disappeared.

By the time Gerald left/had left the shop, the shoplifter stole/had stolen several bottles of very cheap vodka.

I didn't want/hadn't wanted to see the documentary about famous thieves because I saw/had seen it before.

Helmut was sentenced/had been sentenced to 4 years in prison for car theft because he didn't understand/hadn't understood the laws after he arrived.

Frank worked/had worked in a bank for 20 years before he was killed/had been killed during a bank robbery.

Exercise 5: Complete the text with verbs in brackets. Use Past Simple or Past Perfect.

In March 1999, thieves _____ (steal) diamonds jewellery from Woolworth, a famous jeweller's in Boston. The thieves were clever. Before the robbery, they _____ (hide) in the building next door and _____ (cut) a hole through the wall.

They used it to get into the shop. By the time the guard at the entrance _____ (see) them, they _____ (already/take) the very expensive jewellery from the safe.

A man from the neighbourhood _____ (hear) some noises in the shop and he _____ (call) the police but when they _____ (arrive) to the shop, the thieves _____ (escape).

