

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).

