

## GRAMMAR Past perfect

### 1 Write the past perfect forms of the verbs.

- plan had planned
- be \_\_\_\_\_
- not be \_\_\_\_\_
- ski \_\_\_\_\_
- not finish \_\_\_\_\_
- not see \_\_\_\_\_
- hear \_\_\_\_\_
- feel \_\_\_\_\_

### 2 Complete the paragraph with verbs from Exercise 1.

**Tell us your NATURAL DISASTER STORIES**

Rachel Patterson:

My family <sup>1</sup> had planned a trip to Japan. Then we couldn't go because my father got sick. We finally went a year later. We <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ there for two days when an earthquake happened. I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ earthquakes in California before, but never one like this! We were at a restaurant, and I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my lunch. It went flying across the room!

David Alba:

I <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ snow before. But last week, I saw a lot of it! I went skiing in Denver, Colorado. I took ski lessons on the first day. My instructor <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ all over the world, and she was a great teacher.

There <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ an avalanche at the ski resort in over 10 years. However, on the second day, my instructor <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on TV that conditions were right for avalanches, so she cancelled our lessons. Later that day, no one was allowed to ski, and there was an avalanche! Luckily, I was safe!

### 3 Read the sentences. Then circle the answer that correctly explains each situation.

- Elsa hadn't been to Costa Rica before her trip.
  - She has been to Costa Rica more than once.
  - She went to Costa Rica once.
- The forest fire had started before breakfast.
  - The forest fire started in the morning.
  - The forest fire started in the afternoon.

- Andrew had read an interesting article about tsunamis.
  - Andrew read an article about tsunamis.
  - Andrew didn't read an article about tsunamis.
- Sun-hi hadn't told Paul about the hurricane.
  - Paul knew about the hurricane.
  - Paul didn't know about the hurricane.
- June had finished the reading before school.
  - June finished the reading.
  - June didn't finish the reading.
- The weather hadn't been good before the disaster.
  - The disaster caused the weather to be bad.
  - The disaster didn't cause the weather to be bad.

### Past perfect yes/no questions

#### 4 Write yes/no questions and answers in the past perfect. ✓ = yes, ✗ = no.

- Dylan / hear / about the volcanic eruption / (✗)

Q: Had Dylan heard about the volcanic eruption?

A: No, he hadn't.

- you / be / to San Francisco before the earthquake / (✓)

Q: \_\_\_\_\_

A: \_\_\_\_\_

- Sally / read / the article before class / (✗)

Q: \_\_\_\_\_

A: \_\_\_\_\_

- your parents / tell / about the flood / (✗)

Q: \_\_\_\_\_

A: \_\_\_\_\_

- the volcano / be / quiet for several months (✓)

Q: \_\_\_\_\_

A: \_\_\_\_\_

- you and your brother / see / a tornado / before / (✓)

Q: \_\_\_\_\_

A: \_\_\_\_\_