

GRAMMAR Past perfect and simple past

- 1 Look at the timeline of Carl's trip. Complete the sentences with the past perfect or simple past. Use the past perfect for the event that happened first in each sentence.



- Carl had packed had packed his bags a week before he left for his trip.
- He was fishing fishing before he set up his tent.
- He had set up his tent already when his friends arrived at the campsite.
- A few minutes before Carl started the fish, he lit a fire.
- Everyone ate a delicious fish dinner a few hours before they went to bed.
- When Carl went to bed, he realized that he forgot his sleeping bag!

- 2 Circle the correct words. Use the past perfect for the event that happened first in each sentence.

- On a long hike, John ~~dropped~~ / had dropped his compass 20 minutes before he realized / had realized it.
- My sister heard / had heard about the hurricane before I told / had told her about it.
- I cut / had cut my finger making dinner, and unfortunately, I didn't buy / hadn't bought a first-aid kit.
- Sam and Jill were hungry on their hike because they didn't pack / hadn't packed any snacks before they left / had left.
- When they rescued / had rescued the hikers, they were / had been lost for two days.
- I was upset because after I bought / had bought my penknife, the store had / had had a big sale.

- 3 Write sentences with the simple past and past perfect. Use the past perfect for the event that happened first in each sentence.

- Jessica / sign up / for a camping trip / after / her friend / tell her about it
Jessica signed up for the camping trip after her friend had told her about it.
- By the time / Raul / buy / his bike, / he / save / money for two months

- I / not check / the weather report / before / I / go / hiking

- We / pack / our suitcase / a week before / we / leave

- Serena / not hear / about the tsunami / before / she / talk / to her brother

- After / the news / be / on for an hour, / I / finally / hear / the weather report
