

12A Strange but true!

1 GRAMMAR past perfect

a Complete the sentences with the past perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

- The streets were white because it had snowed the night before. (snow)
- I suddenly remembered that I _____ the windows before I left the house. (not close)
- We got to the cinema ten minutes after the film _____ . (start)
- Tina felt nervous because she _____ before (not fly)
- Paul lent me the book after he _____ it. (read)
- They missed the flight because they _____ the announcement. (not hear)

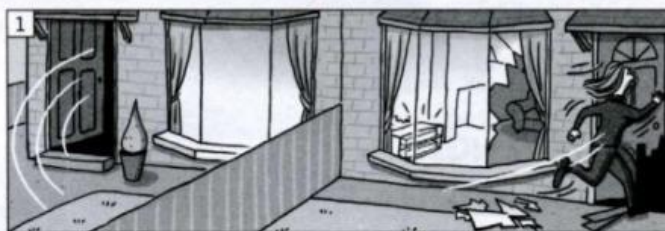
b Write questions in the past perfect.

- A I drove my boyfriend's car this morning.
B you / drive it / before
Had you driven it before ?
- A My friends ate sushi in Japan.
B they / eat sushi / before
_____ ?
- A My brother won a gold medal.
B he / win a medal / before
_____ ?
- A The children made a cake yesterday.
B they / make a cake / before
_____ ?
- A My sister ran in the London marathon last weekend.
B she / run a marathon / before
_____ ?
- A We went to Brazil on holiday.
B you / be there / before
_____ ?

c Make these two sentences into one. Use the past perfect and the past simple.

- We bought some souvenirs. Then we went back to the hotel.
After we had bought some souvenirs, we went back to the hotel.
- Max did the ironing. Then he put the clothes away.
After Max _____.
- They watched the news. Then they turned off the TV.
After _____.
- I read the book. Then I gave it back.
When _____.
- Ruth tried on the top. Then she went to the checkout.
After Ruth _____.
- We had dinner. Then we did the washing up.
After _____.

d Circle the correct verb.



Last week my neighbour was on holiday. One night I ¹ heard / had heard a strange noise in her house. I ² opened / had opened the door to have a look, and I found that someone ³ broke / had broken into the house.

Luckily, he (or she!) ⁴ already left / had already left when I got there, and they ⁵ didn't steal / hadn't stolen much as far as I could see – just the TV.



I was looking for my mobile yesterday morning, but I couldn't find it. I was sure I ⁶ didn't lose / hadn't lost it, because I ⁷ saw / had seen it twenty minutes before. Then I realized that I ⁸ left / had left it in my trouser pocket, and I ⁹ put / had put my trousers in the washing machine!