

PAST PERFECT EXERCISES

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Use the sentences above to complete the paragraphs below. These sentences are in the order in which they happened - so (a) happened before (b), (b) before (c) etc.

But your

paragraph begins with the underlined sentence, so sometimes you need the past perfect.

1 (a) Somebody broke into the office during the night.

(b) **We arrived at work in the morning.**

(c) We called the police.

We _____ (arrive) at work in the morning and found that somebody
_____ (break) into the office during the night. So we
_____ (call) the police.

2 (a) Laura went out this morning.

(b) **I rang her doorbell.**

(c) There was no answer.

I went to Laura's house this morning and
_____ (ring) her doorbell, but there was no answer. She
_____ (go) out.

3 (a) Jim came back from holiday a few days ago.

(b) **I met him the same day.**

(c) He looked very well.

I met Jim a few days ago. He _____ (come) back from holiday. He
_____ (look) very well.

4 (a) Kevin sent Sally lots of emails.

(b) She never replied to them.

(c) **Yesterday he got a phone call from her.**

(d) He was very surprised.

Yesterday Kevin _____ (get) a phone call from Sally. He _____ (be) very surprised.
He _____ (send) her lots of emails,
but she _____ (reply).

Read the situations and write sentences from the words in brackets.

1 You went to Sue's house, but she wasn't there.

(she / go / out) _____.

2 You went back to your home town after many years. It wasn't the same as before.

(it / change / a lot) _____.

3 I invited Rachel to the party, but she couldn't come.

(she / arrange / to do something else) _____.

4 You went to the cinema last night. You got to the cinema late.

(the film / already / start) _____.

5 It was nice to see Daniel again after such a long time.

(I / not / see / him for five years) _____.

6 I offered Sue something to eat, but she wasn't hungry.

(she / just / have / breakfast) _____.

Put the verb into the correct form, past perfect (*I had done*) or past simple (*I did*).

1 'Was Paul at the party when you arrived?' 'No, he _____ (go) home.'

2 I felt very tired when I got home, so I _____ (go) straight to bed.

3 The house was very quiet when I got home. Everybody _____ (go) to bed.

4 Sorry I'm late. The car _____ (break) down on my way here.

5 We were driving along the road when we _____ (see) a car which
_____ (break) down, so we _____ (stop) to help.

Complete the text with the correct form of the verb (past simple, past continuous or past perfect) in brackets.

TEXT 1

On Sunday morning, I _____ (wake) up at 8.00 because my neighbours
_____ (play) reggaeton music very loudly. I _____ (go) to their
apartment and _____ (ask) them to turn it down. They apologized and
_____ (turn) it down. It was their son's birthday and they _____ (celebrate)
by playing his favourite music.

I went back to my apartment so I could go back to sleep. However, I couldn't get in – I _____ (not/bring) my key! Fortunately, I _____ (bring) my phone, so I called my friend – I _____ (leave) a spare set of keys with him in case this happened.

He _____ (answer) his phone and said that he _____ (work), but that he would arrive with my keys in half an hour.

While I _____ (wait) for my friend, my neighbours _____ (see) me. They _____ (invite) me into their apartment and introduced me to their son, who I _____ (not/meet) before.

My friend was very surprised when he _____ (arrive) with the keys - we _____ (dance) to reggaeton music!

TEXT 2

This _____ (happen) about five years ago. I _____ (come) back home from Turkey where I _____ (be) on holiday with some friends who _____ (rent) a bungalow in the mountains not far from Ankara, the capital.

Anyway, we _____ (sit) in the plane and _____ (just / take) off when there _____ (be) a loud bang from the right hand side of the plane and I could see a lot of smoke coming from one of the engines. Of course, everyone _____ (start) looking around but the plane _____ (carry) on flying normally. And then a few minutes later the pilot _____ (come) on to the PA and said there was a problem with one of the engines and we'd have to return to the airport.

I felt pretty nervous, I can tell you, but I _____ (try) to concentrate on my book, and about ten minutes later we _____ (land) without any problems. We _____ to wait for about an hour and then we got back on the plane. Actually, it was a different plane and I was pretty relieved that it was.