

5 GRAB SOME CULTURE

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the past simple, past perfect simple or past perfect continuous.

- 1 When we started using central heating, people in some Asian countries _____ (already / use) it for a few hundred years.
- 2 I _____ (begin) learning English at school in 2014, but I'd already learned many words by listening to songs in the language.
- 3 They suddenly realised that they _____ (forgot) to do their homework.
- 4 Mia _____ (only / play) the violin for two years when she was invited to join her local orchestra.
- 5 The teacher asked me whether I _____ (complete) the exercise.
- 6 When I _____ (see) the film at the cinema, it had been available online for a few weeks.
- 7 I _____ (think) about quitting my job before my friend told me that it wasn't a good idea.
- 8 They _____ (already / eat) their dinner by the time their father got home.

2 Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences below. Three sentences are correct.

- 1 I had been tired last night because I had been studying in the library the whole day.
- 2 I hadn't thought about studying languages at university until my teacher told me I should.
- 3 We already ate a big steak so I didn't really fancy eating desert.
- 4 We had been look for our cat, Joe, for three hours before we found him asleep under the bed.
- 5 I had just finished my assignment when I realised that I written about the wrong topic.
- 6 We were disappointed to hear that the show had been cancelled.
- 7 She asked if she could borrow my tablet but I had already lend it to someone else.
- 8 The film was actually much better than I had expected.

