

8.2 Past perfect

1 Choose the correct options.

Maria: ⁰ Have you heard / *Had you heard* the news? A gang ¹ *stole* / *had stolen* lots of jewellery from a shop in town last weekend. They broke in after the staff ² *left* / *had left*.

Karl: Really?

Maria: Yes, and it isn't the first robbery they've had at the shop. Last year, when the staff came into work, they found someone ³ *broke in* / *had broken in* during the night. The police think it was the same gang.

Karl: But how ⁴ *was that* / *had that been* possible? The security in the shopping centre there is usually really good.

Maria: Well, the police discovered that the staff ⁵ *didn't turn on* / *hadn't turned on* the alarms before they left.

Karl: ⁶ *And did the police find* / *had the police found* the robbers?

Maria: Yes, they found the gang easily because one of them ⁷ *tried* / *had tried* to sell the jewellery – but he didn't realise that his customer ⁸ *was* / *had been* a police officer who was investigating the case!

Karl: Oh dear! That was unlucky for the robbers!

2 Complete the sentences with the correct past simple or past perfect form of the verb in brackets.

0 I almost didn't recognise Harriet because she **had changed** (change) her hair colour.

1 Our neighbour reported the burglary, but discovered that someone else _____ (already / tell) the police about it.

2 Jeremy _____ (not arrive) by the time I got to the café.

3 I _____ (have to) get the car fixed because it had broken down.

4 I found out when I got home that I _____ (not lock) the front door!

5 Had Bill already started cooking dinner when his friends _____ (get) there?

6 Men _____ (land) on the moon by the time my brother was born.

7 The cake tasted awful because Mum _____ (forget) to add the sugar!

3 Match 1–4 with a–g to make sentences. There are two extra options.

0 People selling illegal substances are called **g**

1 Lock your doors to protect your house from _____

2 That public toilet has been damaged by _____

3 Watch your wallet in town as there are lots of _____

4 No-one knows what happened as there were no _____

a shoplifters.

b pickpockets.

c burglars.

d murderers.

e vandals.

f witnesses.

~~g drug-dealers.~~

GRAMMAR and VOCABULARY QUIZ

4 Complete the sentences with the verbs in the box. There are two extra verbs.

appear	break	catch	punish	search	sentence	tell
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- 0 If you are arrested for a crime, you may have to **appear** in court.
1 If someone is suspected of a crime, the police may _____ their home.
2 If the police talk to you about a crime, it's important to _____ the truth.
3 It is the judge's responsibility to _____ a criminal to time in prison.
4 A judge may send someone to prison to _____ them for a crime.

5 Complete the sentences with suitable words. The first letter of each word is given.

- 0 If something is **i l l e g a l**, it means it's against the law.
1 If a thief steals your things, you're the v _____ of a crime.
2 If you say you're i _____, it means you haven't done anything wrong.
3 There was a lot of e _____ to show that the man arrested committed the crime.
4 Teachers are encouraging all students to report any cases of c _____ that they may suffer on the Internet.