

Grammar

. Past Perfect

Choose the action that happened first in each sentence.

- 0 My parents had never reused plastic bags before I *told* them about plastic pollution.
- 1 We *recycled* the plastic bottle when we *had drunk* the water.
- 2 After our teacher *had told* us about global warming, we all *decided* to save electricity in the classroom.
- 3 *Had you already finished* your project about electric cars when you *read* the magazine article?
- 4 Before she *watched* the documentary on TV, Marta *hadn't realised* that the gorilla was an endangered animal.

Complete the text with the Past Perfect or Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

Yesterday, our teacher ⁰ gave (give) us some old things like empty crisp packets and toothpaste tubes. He ¹ _____ (explain) that he ² _____ (not throw) them away because he ³ _____ (want) us to come up with ideas for recycling them. What ⁴ _____ (we/make)? We ⁵ _____ (create) a pencil holder with the toothpaste tubes and used crisps packets to make wrapping paper. When we ⁶ _____ (finish), we had an exhibition in the classroom.

Used to and Past Simple

Choose the correct answer to complete the text. If both forms are possible, use *used to*.

Let me tell you how my city has changed in recent years. It never ⁰ *was* / *used to be* a clean place, but today it is very 'green'. People use their bikes to travel around and there is lots of public transport, including electric buses. Last year, the local council ¹ *used to decide* / *decided* not to allow cars in many parts of the city centre. Why ² *did they do* / *did they use to do* this? It's because they ³ *wanted* / *used to want* to reduce pollution. In the past, things were very different! People ⁴ *used to drive* / *drove* their cars everywhere, and most people ⁵ *didn't use to take* / *didn't take* public transport.

Complete the dialogue with *used to* or the Past Simple and the verbs in brackets. If both forms are possible, use *used to*.

- Alisha:** I ⁰ *used to hike* (hike) in the countryside every weekend, but I don't do it as often these days.
- Kyle:** Why is that?
- Alisha:** Well, I think that people don't respect the environment as much as they used to. I ¹ _____ (collect) any rubbish I saw on all my walks. There has always been a little bit. But the last time my brother and I ² _____ (go) walking in the mountains, there was rubbish everywhere. It was like a waste dump.
- Kyle:** Oh no. ³ _____ (you/pick up) any of the rubbish?
- Alisha:** My brother ⁴ _____ (put) lots of it in the bin and I helped him. It's so sad. Most people ⁵ _____ (not leave) a trace when they visited the countryside, but I think things have changed now. The countryside has become a mess!