

18 Exercises

1 The past perfect (A)

Read about each situation and then tick the right answer.

- ▶ Two men delivered the sofa. I had already paid for it.
Which came first, a) the delivery, or b) ✓ the payment?
- 1 The waiter brought our drinks. We'd already had our soup.
Which came first, a) the drinks, or b) the soup?
- 2 I'd seen the film, so I read the book.
Did I first a) see the film, or b) read the book?
- 3 The programme had ended, so I rewound the cassette.
Did I rewind the cassette a) after, or b) before the programme ended?
- 4 I had an invitation to the party, but I'd arranged a trip to London.
Which came first, a) the invitation, or b) the arrangements for the trip?

2 The past perfect (A-B)

Add a sentence with the past perfect using the notes.

- ▶ Claire looked very suntanned when I saw her last week.
She'd just been on holiday, (just / be on holiday)
- 1 We rushed to the station, but we were too late.
..... (the train / just / go)
- 2 I didn't have an umbrella, but that didn't matter.
..... (the rain / stop)
- 3 When I got to the concert hall, they wouldn't let me in.
..... (forget / my ticket)
- 4 Someone got the number of the car the raiders used.
..... (steal / it / a week before)
- 5 I was really pleased to see Rachel again yesterday.
..... (not see / her / for ages)
- 6 Luckily the flat didn't look too bad when my parents called in.
..... (just / clean / it)
- 7 The boss invited me to lunch yesterday, but I had to refuse the invitation.
..... (already / eat / my sandwiches)

3 Present perfect and past perfect (C)

Put the verbs in the present perfect (*have done*) or past perfect (*had done*).

- ? It isn't raining now. It's *stopped* (stop) at last.
- ? We had no car at that time. *We'd sold* (sell) our old one.
- 1 The park looked awful. People..... (leave) litter everywhere.
- 2 You can have that newspaper. I (finish) with it.
- 3 There's no more cheese. We (eat) it all, I'm afraid.
- 4 There was no sign of a taxi, although I (order) one half an hour before.
- 5 This bill isn't right. They (make) a mistake.
- 6 I spoke to Melanie at lunch-time. Someone (tell) her the news earlier.
- 7 I was really tired last night. I (have) a hard day.
- 8 Don't you want to see this programme? It (start).
- 9 It'll soon get warm in here. I (turn) the heating on.
- 10 At last the committee were ready to announce their decision.
They (make) up their minds.

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1 Form (B)

Complete the conversation. Put in the past perfect continuous of the verbs.

Rachel: How was your job interview?

Vicky: Awful. I felt terribly nervous. (►) *I'd been worrying* (I / worry) about it all week. And I was tired because (1)..... (I / work) on my project the night before.
(2) (I / not look) forward to the interview at all.

Rachel: So what happened?

Vicky: The woman interviewing me was half an hour late because

(3).....(she / deal) with an unexpected problem, she said.

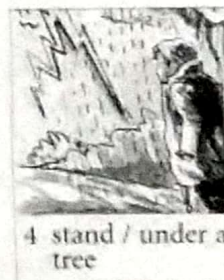
(4) (I / wait) ages, and I'd got even more nervous.

Rachel: How did the interview go?

Vicky: Well, I tried to sound confident. (5) (I / read) a book that said that's what you have to do in job interviews. But I don't know if I gave the right answers.

2 Form and use (A-B)

Add a sentence with the past perfect continuous to explain why. Look at the pictures to find the reasons.



► Claire got burnt. *She'd been lying in the sun.*

- 1 Vicky looked upset.....
- 2 Henry was stopped by the police.....
- 3 The children started a fire.....
- 4 A young man was struck by lightning.....

Comparison with other tenses (C-D)

Put in the correct form of the verbs.

► Tom could hear shouts from the flat next door. His neighbours *were arguing* (argue) again.

- 1 Emma went into the sitting-room. It was empty, but the television was still on.
Someone..... (watch) it.
- 2 I (play) tennis, so I had a shower. I was annoyed because I (not win) a single game.
- 3 The walkers finally arrived at their destination. They (walk) all day, and they certainly needed a rest. They (walk) thirty miles.
- 4 When I saw Nick last week, he said he (stop) smoking. But when I saw him two days later, he (smoke) a cigarette. He looked rather ashamed.
- 5 I really must go and see the dentist. One of my teeth (ache) for weeks.
- 6 When Melanie arrived at David's place, he..... (lie) on the sofa reading a detective novel. He.....(buy) it at the second-hand bookshop, and he(read) it for most of the afternoon.

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10.1 Complete these sentences using one of the following. Use the past perfect continuous. (You will need to use a negative verb form in some cases.) (A)

pay / bills stay / friends smoke / cigar try / to steal / car attend / classes
cycle / quite fast

- 1 She returned to the house where she had been staying with friends.
- 2 Sue until she reached the hill.
- 3 By the smell in the room and his guilty expression I could tell that Alex
- 4 The principal called Carmen into his office because she
- 5 I had to give Peter some money when I found out that he
- 6 He told the police that he He said he thought it belonged to his brother.

10.2 Complete the sentences with appropriate verbs, using the same one for each sentence in the pair. Use the past perfect continuous if it is possible; if not, use the past perfect. (B)

- 1 a She took a bottle from the bag she all the way from home.
b The avalanche them 500 metres down the mountain but no-one was hurt.
- 2 a We for visas well before our departure date, but still hadn't heard anything by the day we were due to leave.
b She for jobs, without success, since leaving university.
- 3 a He all the way from New York to see me.
b When the plane was diverted, it from London to Frankfurt.
- 4 a She for the same company since she qualified.
b He finally his way up from the shop floor to a management position.

Look again at the sentences where you have used the past perfect continuous. In which is the past perfect also possible? (Also, study Unit 9 and decide when you could use the past simple instead of the past perfect in these sentences.)

10.3 Choose the past perfect continuous form of the verb if appropriate. If not, use the past perfect. (C)

- 1 Andrew died last week. He from cancer for some time. (suffer)
- 2 I the view many times before, but it never failed to impress me. (see)
- 3 The opposing sides in the war since the president was overthrown. (fight)
- 4 I Megan since we were at school together. (know)
- 5 For years we about buying new carpets, and last weekend we finally went out and ordered some. (talk)
- 6 My car was once again in the garage for repairs. This was the third time it since I got it. (break down)
- 7 Before now we on where to go on holiday. (always agree)

10.4 Can you explain the difference between these pairs of sentences? (B & D)

- 1 a When I last went to Moscow, they had renovated St Basil's Cathedral.
b When I last went to Moscow, they had been renovating St Basil's Cathedral.
- 2 a Although she tried to hide her face, I could see that Clara was crying.
b Although she tried to hide her face, I could see that Clara had been crying.



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1 Past simple, continuous and perfect (A-D)

Look at these sentences and then tick the right answer.

- ▶ David and Tom were talking together when a young woman spoke to them.
Which took more time, a) what David and Tom said, or b) what the woman said?
- 1 Mike had put up the tent, but Harriet was still unloading things from the car.
Which finished first, a) putting up the tent, or b) unloading?
- 2 Mark went home and switched off the computer.
What did he do first, a) go home, or b) switch off the computer?
- 3 When Claire arrived, Henry was walking up and down.
Which started earlier, a) Claire's arrival, or b) Henry's walking?
- 4 When Sarah had phoned the office, she drove to the hotel.
Did she phone the office a) before, or b) after driving to the hotel?

2 Past simple and past perfect (D)

Write the two sentences as one. Use *when* and the past perfect in either the first or the second part of the sentence.

- ▶ I took the book back to the library. I read it.
I took the book back to the library when I'd read it.
- ▶ The students did the experiment. They wrote a report on it.
When the students had done the experiment, they wrote a report on it.
- 1 Nick saved enough money. He bought a motor bike.
- 2 Mark put all the dishes away. He dried them.
- 3 I looked both ways. I pulled out into the road.
- 4 The golfers went into the clubhouse. They played the last hole.

3 Past simple, continuous and perfect (A-D)

Daniel is telling the story of how he forgot his passport. Put the verbs into the correct form.

- (▶) *It happened* (it / happen) last August at the airport. A few weeks before, a group of us
- (1)..... (decide) to go to Greece together for a holiday.
 - (2)..... (we / wait) in the queue at passport control when suddenly
 - (3).....(I / realize) that (4)..... (I / forget) my passport.
 - (5)..... (it / be) quite a shock. (6)..... (I / hurry) to a phone and
 - (7)..... (ring) my parents. (8)..... (they / work) in the garden,
but luckily my mother (9)..... (hear) the phone.
 - (10).....(they / find) the passport and immediately
 - (11).....(drive) to the airport with it. (12)..... (I / meet) them at
the information desk. (13).....(we / have) no time to talk, but
 - (14).....(I / say) goodbye to them earlier that morning.
 - (15)..... (I / run) all the way to the plane. I was just in time. When
 - (16).....(I / get) there, the passengers (17).....(sit) in their seats
ready for take-off. When (18) (they / see) me, everyone
 - (19)..... (start) clapping.

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9.1 Underline the correct answer. (A)

- 1 Alice felt very pleased with herself. She *had found* / *found* what she was looking for.
- 2 'Where are we?' *had asked* / *asked* Martha.
- 3 By the time I got back to the bathroom, the bath *had overflowed* / *overflowed*.
- 4 She walked into the station only to find that the train *had left* / *left*.
- 5 I was just about to leave when I *had remembered* / *remembered* my briefcase.
- 6 My sister told me that Joe *had died* / *died*.
- 7 He *had looked* / *looked* at his watch again and began to walk even faster.
- 8 In a surprise move, the Prime Minister *had resigned* / *resigned* last night.

9.2 These things happened in the order given in brackets (e.g. in 1, most people went home and, sometime after that, I got to the party). Write sentences using this information beginning with the words given. Use either the past simple or the past perfect. (A)

- 1 (most people went home / I got to the party) By **the time**...
- 2 (Glen opened the book / some pages fell out) **When**...
- 3 (the fox disappeared / we went back to look for it) **When**...
- 4 (she picked up her bag / the handle broke) **When**...

9.3 Expand one of these sets of notes using the past perfect to begin each sentence. (C)

She / not expect / see David again I / hope for / relaxing day I / mean / to call / parents
He / think about / fly / to Rome She / want to / leave / meeting early

- 1 He had thought about flying to Rome but all the flights were booked up.
- 2....., but I couldn't find a phone box.
- 3....., so she was delighted when they met at the conference.
- 4....., but she felt that she ought to stay to find out what was decided.
- 5....., but instead my cousin and her five children arrived unexpectedly.

9.4 Use these pairs of verbs to complete the sentences. Choose the past perfect where possible; otherwise, use the past simple. (D)

turn/caught come/start eat/pick check/go type/give collapse/phone

- 1 After Michael.....the letter, he.....it to Kay to sign.
- 2 When she.....into the hall, everyone.....cheering.
- 3 When Jenny.....that the children were asleep, she.....out to the concert.
- 4 As soon as I.....the ignition key, the engine.....fire.
- 5 When Norma....., I.....for an ambulance.
- 6 After they.....all the food, they.....up their bags and left.

5 Here is an extract from a newspaper article about a missing boy (Roy) and his father (Neil). Decide why the past perfect was used in each case. (B)

...Neil said that Roy, who used to enjoy riding with him on his bike, followed him as he set off. He told the child to go back to his mother, and rode away. Meanwhile, Roy's mother thought that Roy had gone with Neil; Neil believed Roy had stayed behind. It was only some hours later, when Neil returned, that they realised Roy had vanished....