

1 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form of the *past perfect* as in the example:

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| 1 The students left the classroom because the bell <i>had rung</i> (ring). | 4 The fans were excited because their team (win). |
| 2 Rick (not/finish) the report by the time his boss returned. | 5 the burglars (get away) by the time the police arrived? |
| 3 After they (put up) their tents, they made a fire. | 6 After Jane (finish) studying, she went out with some friends. |

2 Look at the picture and ask and answer questions as in the example:



Last night the Dicksons had a birthday party for their daughter, Sally. What had they done and what hadn't they done before they went to bed?

- 1 (Sally / open / all her presents) *Had Sally opened all her presents? Yes, she had.*
- 2 (they / drink / all the lemonade)
- 3 (they / eat / all the cake)
- 4 (Mum / let / cat in)
- 5 (they / eat / all the sandwiches)
- 6 (they / tidy / the room)

3 Fill in the present perfect or the past perfect.



1 They *had done*
(do) their homework before
they went to the park.



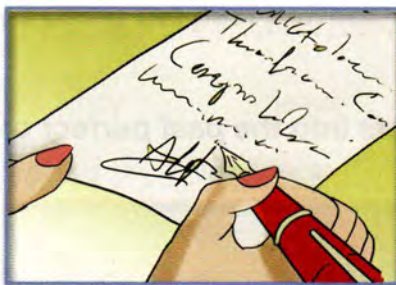
2 They are out of the
supermarket. They
..... (do) their shopping.



3 He can't pay the bill.
He
..... (lose) his wallet.



4 He bought a car after he
.....
(save) enough money.



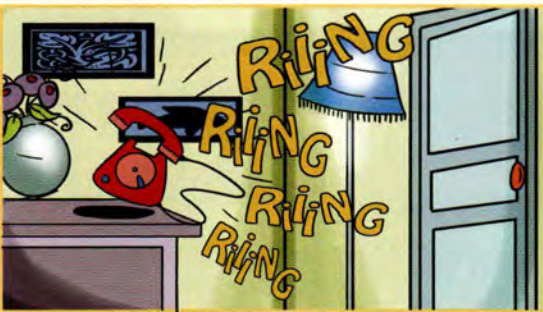
5 She signed the letter after
she
..... (write) it.



6 Her hair is wet. She
.....
(wash) it.

Note the difference:

Past Perfect



When his sister phoned, Tim **had left**.
(Tim had left before his sister phoned.)

Past Simple



When his sister phoned, Tim **left**.
(His sister phoned and then Tim left.)

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Past Perfect

4 Fill in the *past simple* or the *past perfect*, then state which action happened first.

- 1 When I ... *arrived* ... (arrive) at the station, the train ... *had left* ... (leave).
first action: ... *had left* ...
- 2 We (light) the candles because the lights (go off).
first action:
- 3 When I got home I (discover) that somebody (break into) my flat.
first action:

- 4 The patient (die) before the ambulance (reach) the hospital.
first action:
- 5 Billy (eat) all the cakes by the time the other children (arrive) at the party.
first action:

5 Put the verbs in brackets into the *past perfect* or the *past simple*.



- 1 Rafael ... *lit* ... (light) the candles when she arrived.



- 2 Rafael (light) the candles when she arrived.



- 3 When she arrived at the theatre, he (buy) the tickets.



- 4 When she arrived at the theatre, he (buy) the tickets.



- 5 When he came home, they (have) dinner together.



- 6 When he came home, she (already/have) dinner.

6 Use the ideas to make sentences as in the example:

- Nancy / make a wish – blow out the candles
- He / put on his winter coat – go outside
- Artemis / watch her favourite programme – turn off the TV
- The boys / play rugby – ride their bikes home
- Mr Newton / pack his bags – take taxi to the airport
- They / save enough money – buy a house

After Nancy had made a wish, she blew out the candles.....

Before Nancy blew out the candles, she had made a wish....

7 Complete the sentences using the past perfect. Use the verbs in the list.

pass finish tidy leave lose start

- 1 I watched TV after I *had finished my homework*.....
- 2 It began to rain after I
- 3 My best friend was excited because he
- 4 By the time my mum got home, I
- 5 When I walked into the classroom,
- 6 I was sad because I

8 Put the verbs in brackets into the past perfect or the past simple.



Jessica 1) *looked* (look) at her watch. It
 2) (be) already 10:30 at night. She
 3) (spend) all day writing her
 article, so it was no surprise she 4)
 (feel) so exhausted. Jessica 5)
 (stand up) and 6) (look) out the window.
 The street lights 7) (be) on and the rain
 8) (stop). She 9)
 (not/be) out all day, so she 10) (decide) to
 take a drive. Jessica 11) (feel) happy and relaxed. She
 12) (finally/finish) her article for the magazine. It
 13) (take) her all weekend.