

15.1 Read the situations and write sentences using the words in brackets.

- 1 There was a picture lying on the floor.
(It / fall / off the wall) It had fallen off the wall.
- 2 The people sitting next to you on the plane were nervous. It was their first flight.
(They / not / fly / before) They hadn't flown before.
- 3 You went back to your home town recently after many years. It wasn't the same as before.
(It / change / a lot) It.....
- 4 Somebody sang a song. You didn't know it.
(I / not / hear / it / before) I.....
- 5 I invited Rachel to the party, but she couldn't come.
(She / arrange / to do something else)
- 6 You went to the cinema last night. You got to the cinema late.
(The film / already / start)
- 7 Last year we went to Mexico. It was our first time there.
(We / not / be / there / before) We.....
- 8 I met Daniel last week. It was good to see him again after such a long time.
(I / not / see / him for five years)
- 9 I offered my friends something to eat, but they weren't hungry.
(They / just / have / lunch)
- 10 Sam played tennis yesterday. He wasn't very good at it because it was his first game ever.
(He / never / play / before)

15.2 Use the sentences on the left to complete the paragraphs on the right. These sentences are in the order in which they happened – so (a) happened before (b), (b) before (c) etc. But your paragraph begins with the underlined sentence, so sometimes you need the past perfect.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 (a) Somebody broke into the office during the night. (b) <u>We arrived at work in the morning.</u> (c) We called the police. | } | <p>We arrived at work in the morning and found that <u>somebody had broken</u> into the office during the night. So <u>we called</u> the police.</p> |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2 (a) Laura went out this morning. (b) <u>I rang her doorbell.</u> (c) There was no answer. | } | <p>I went to Laura's house this morning and rang her doorbell, but.....no answer.
.....out.</p> |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3 (a) Joe came back from holiday a few days ago. (b) <u>I met him the same day.</u> (c) He looked very well. | } | <p>I met Joe a few days ago.just
.....holiday.
.....very well.</p> |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4 (a) James sent Amy lots of emails. (b) She never replied to them. (c) <u>Yesterday he got a phone call from her.</u> (d) He was surprised. | } | <p>Yesterday James
from Amy.surprised.
.....lots of emails,
but.....</p> |

15.3 Put the verb into the correct form, past perfect (I had done) or past simple (I did).

- 1 Paul wasn't at the party when I arrived. He'd gone (He / go) home.
- 2 I felt very tired when I got home, so (I / go) straight to bed.
- 3 The house was very quiet when I got home. Everybody (go) to bed.
- 4 Mark travels a lot. When I first met him, (he / already / travel) round the world.
- 5 Sorry I'm late. The car (break) down on my way here.
- 6 We were driving along the road when (we / see) a car which (break) down, so (we / stop) to help.

16.1 Read the situations and make sentences using the words in brackets.

- 1 Tom was very tired when he got home.
(He / work / hard all day) He'd been working hard all day.
- 2 The children came into the house. They had a football and they were both very tired.
(They / play / football) _____
- 3 I was disappointed when I had to cancel my holiday.
(I / look / forward to it) _____
- 4 Anna woke up in the middle of the night. She was frightened and didn't know where she was.
(She / have / a bad dream) _____
- 5 When I got home, Mark was sitting in front of the TV. He had just turned it off.
(He / watch / a film) _____
- 6 The people waiting at the bus stop were getting impatient. The bus was very late.
(They / wait / a long time) _____

16.2 Read the situations and complete the sentences.

- 1 We played tennis yesterday. We didn't finish our game.
We'd been playing (We / play) for half an hour when it started (it / start) to rain.
- 2 I had arranged to meet Tom in a restaurant. I arrived and waited for him to come.
_____ (I / wait) for 20 minutes when _____
(I / realise) that _____ (I / be) in the wrong restaurant.
- 3 Sarah worked in a company for a long time. The company no longer exists.
At the time the company _____ (go) out of business, Sarah
_____ (work) there for twelve years.
- 4 I went to a concert. Soon after the orchestra began playing, something strange happened.
The orchestra _____ (play) for about ten minutes when a man in
the audience suddenly _____ (start) shouting.

Now make your own sentence:

- 5 I began walking along the road. I _____
when _____

16.3 Which is right?

- 1 It was noisy next door last night. Our neighbours were having / ~~had been having~~ a party.
(were having is correct)
- 2 At the end of our journey we were extremely tired. We were travelling / We'd been travelling for more than 24 hours.
- 3 James was on his hands and knees on the floor. He was looking / He'd been looking for his contact lens.
- 4 Sue was sitting on the ground. She was out of breath. She was running / She'd been running.
- 5 John and I went for a walk. He was walking / He'd been walking very fast and I had difficulty keeping up with him.
- 6 I was sad when I sold my car. I've had it / I'd had it for a very long time.
- 7 I was sad when my local cafe closed. I was going / I'd been going there for many years.
- 8 I'm running a marathon next month. I've been training / I'd been training for it every day.
- 9 I had arranged to meet Kate, but I was late. When I finally arrived, she was waiting / she'd been waiting for me. She was annoyed because she was waiting / she'd been waiting such a long time.
- 10a Joe and I work for the same company. He joined the company before me. When I started a few years ago, he was already working / he'd already been working there.
- 10b I started working at the company a few years ago. At the time I started, Joe was already working / had already been working there for two years.
- 10c Joe still works for the company. He's been working / He'd been working there a long time now.