

Practice

A Past Perfect (1)

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?

B Past Perfect (1-2)

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)

C Present Perfect and Past Perfect (3)

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.