

# Exercises

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