

PRACTICE

41a Which action happened first? Write a sentence. Use the past simple.

- 0 When I left home, it had already started to rain. *First it started to rain.*
- 1 The train had left by the time he got to the station.
- 2 When we put on the TV, the film had finished.
- 3 I'd just turned off my phone when you called me.
- 4 By the time they got to the restaurant, it had closed.
- 5 They had sold all the tickets by the time we arrived.

41b Write sentences. Use the past perfect and the past simple.

- 0 when / you / arrive / Peter / just / go / home
When you arrived, Peter had just gone home.
- 1 when / we / see / them / they / not finish / decorating their house
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- 2 Lou / already / try on / ten suits / when / he / buy / the white one
.....
- 3 when / I / go / to Argentina / I / never / fly / before
.....
- 4 he / already / write / his first novel / by the time / he / be / twenty-two
.....
- 5 when / Kelly / join / the army / she / not have / a job / before
.....
- 6 they / already / find / work / by the time / they / finish / university
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41c Complete the story. Use the past perfect or past simple of the verbs in brackets.

I (0) *was* (be) at a friend's party on Saturday when something really funny (1) (happen). When I (2) (arrive), the party (3) (not start) yet and my friend was in the kitchen preparing the food. He (4) (introduce) me to a woman I (5) (not know). But when we (6) (start) talking, we realised that we (7) (meet) before. We (8) (compare) things we (9) (do) in the past, but couldn't find a connection. Then I (10) (remember). She (11) (be) my sister's pen friend and she (12) (come) to stay with us for a week one summer.