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1. Complete the story

Use the Past Perfect or Past Simple.

The Wrong Train

Last Saturday, Maria wanted to visit her friend in another city.

She arrived at the station at 10:00, but the train _____ already _____. (leave)

Maria was surprised because she _____ (check) the timetable before leaving home.

She looked at the information board and realised that she _____ (read) the wrong time.

She bought another ticket and waited for the next train.

When the train finally arrived, Maria _____ already _____ (buy) a coffee. (buy)

She got on the train and found a seat.

After about 20 minutes, she realised that she _____ (take) the wrong train again!

2. Fix the story

There are **six mistakes** in this story.

When I arrived at the hotel, my friends had went out. They had left the hotel about ten minutes earlier. I was tired because I hadn't slept well the night before. I called my friends, but they had already ate lunch. They told me to meet them at a café. When I arrived, they had already finish their coffee.

Rewrite the story correctly.

3. Tell your own story

Choose **one** situation.

A – A travel problem

You arrived somewhere, but something had already happened.

B – A forgotten item

You needed something, but you had left or forgotten it somewhere.

C – A surprise

You arrived somewhere and discovered something had already happened.

D – A busy day

Several things happened before another important event.

Write 5–6 sentences.

Try to use the Past Perfect at least **three times**.

Useful language:

- When I arrived...
- Before I...
- After I...
- I had already...
- I hadn't...
- By the time I...
- ...had already happened

4. Final Challenge – The Mystery Morning

Read the information.

At 9:00:

- David arrived at work.
- The meeting had already started.
- Sarah had called him twice.
- His manager had sent him an email.
- He had forgotten his laptop at home.
- His colleagues had already discussed the problem.

Now explain what happened that morning to your partner.

Start:

“When David arrived at work, the meeting had already started...”

Your partner should ask at least three questions:

- Why...?
- What happened after that?
- Had he...?
- What did he do next?

Final Grammar Check

Complete the rule:

Past Perfect = _____ + _____

We use the Past Perfect to show that one action happened _____ another action in the past.

Teacher's Key

Activity 1

had already left

had checked

had read

had already bought

had taken

Activity 2

Correct version:

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Activity 3

Open-ended. Check:

- correct use of had + past participle
- clear order of events
- appropriate Past Simple for the later past event

Activity 4

Open-ended.

Final Grammar Check

had + past participle

We use the Past Perfect to show that one action happened **before** another action in the past.