

## GRAMMAR

## Past perfect

- 1 Complete the sentences with the past perfect form of the verbs in the box.

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- The con man denied that he \_\_\_\_\_ my grandmother into giving him money.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ on a long-haul flight until we went to New Zealand last year.
- The play \_\_\_\_\_ already \_\_\_\_\_ when Tamara's mobile went off.
- By the time I left school, I \_\_\_\_\_ English for ten years.
- When they got to the party, they realized they \_\_\_\_\_ the present.

- 2 Write the first parts of the sentences using the past perfect, and then match the parts.

- We / be / to Japan / a few times \_\_\_\_\_
- Our parents / tell my brother / not to get a tattoo \_\_\_\_\_
- The survivors / be / under the rubble / for two days \_\_\_\_\_
- Lucy / never travel / on her own before \_\_\_\_\_
- My parents / know / each other / for ten years \_\_\_\_\_

- A when the rescue dogs found them. \_\_\_\_  
 B before they got married. \_\_\_\_  
 C so she was very nervous when she set off. \_\_\_\_  
 D before we decided to go and live there. \_\_\_\_  
 E until he was 18. \_\_\_\_

- 3 Write sentences using the past perfect and past simple.

- the rescuers / work / all night / and / be / exhausted \_\_\_\_\_
- Alicia / decide / what to wear / weeks / before / she / go / on / her first date / with George \_\_\_\_\_
- Sorry / I / not check / my phone / until / I / get to / the cinema. \_\_\_\_\_
- The thief / just / steal / some trainers / when / the security guard / stop / him \_\_\_\_\_
- By the time / we / arrive / at / the station / the train / leave \_\_\_\_\_

- 4 Complete the news story with the verbs in the box in the past simple, past continuous or past perfect.

approach be(x2) drive fall have  
help lose say see smash snow

### Trapped passengers rescued by passers-by

John Dillon <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ home after work early one evening last winter. It <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ that afternoon, leaving the roads icy and dangerous. As he <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the bridge near his house, he <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a car upside down in the water. At that point, he didn't know if there <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ anyone in the car, so he ran down the embankment to try and help. A few other passers-by <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the same idea, and one of them <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ already \_\_\_\_\_ a window in the car. The driver and three children <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ still inside. Everyone <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to lift the car and pull the trapped passengers out. The driver of the car <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ control when he turned onto the bridge, and the car <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ into the freezing water. 'We can't thank those passers-by enough for saving our lives,' the driver <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ later.

- 5 Complete the questions with the pairs of verbs in the box in the past simple and past perfect. Then answer the questions.

go / check have / see arrive / send  
eat / speak do / watch

- Before you \_\_\_\_\_ at school this morning, how many text messages \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_?
  - Before you \_\_\_\_\_ to sleep last night, how many times \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ your phone?
  - Before you \_\_\_\_\_ your breakfast this morning, how many people \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ to in your family?
  - Before you \_\_\_\_\_ your English lesson today, \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ your teacher?
  - Before you \_\_\_\_\_ your homework last night, what \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ on TV?
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