Exercises

15.1 Read the situations and write sentences from the words in brackets.

1 You went to Sue’s house, but she wasn’t there.
   (she / go / out) She had gone out.

2 You went back to your home town after many years. It wasn’t the same as before.
   (it / change / a lot) It had changed a lot.

3 I invited Rachel to the party, but she couldn’t come.
   (she / arrange / to do something else) She had arranged to do something else.

4 You went to the cinema last night. You got to the cinema late.
   (the film / already / begin) The film had already begun.

5 It was nice to see Dan again after such a long time.
   (I / not / see / him for five years) I hadn’t seen him for five years.

6 I offered Sue something to eat, but she wasn’t hungry.
   (she / just / have / breakfast) She had just had breakfast.

15.2 For each situation, write a sentence ending with never ... before. Use the verb in brackets.

1 The man sitting next to you on the plane was very nervous. It was his first flight.
   (fly) He’d never flown before.

2 A woman walked into the room. She was a complete stranger to me.
   (see) I’d never seen her before.

3 Sam played tennis yesterday. He wasn’t very good at it because it was his first game.
   (play) He’d never played tennis before.

4 Last year we went to Denmark. It was our first time there.
   (be there) We’d never been there before.

15.3 Use the sentences on the left to complete the paragraphs on the right. These sentences are in
the order in which they happened – so (1) happened before (2), (2) before (3) etc. But your
paragraph begins with the underlined sentence, so sometimes you need the past perfect.

1 (1) Somebody broke into the office during the night.
   We arrived at work in the morning and found that somebody had broken
   into the office during the night. So we...

2 (1) Laura went out this morning.
   I tried to phone Laura this morning, but...
   (2) I tried to phone her.
   She had no answer.
   (3) There was no answer.

3 (1) Jim came back from holiday a few days ago.
   I met Jim a few days ago. Just... holiday.
   (2) I met him the same day.
   Very well.
   (3) He looked very well.

4 (1) Kevin sent Sally lots of emails.
   Yesterday Kevin sent me lots of emails.
   (2) She never replied to them.
   He was very surprised.
   (3) Yesterday he got a phone call from her.
   But she...

15.4 Put the verb into the correct form, past perfect (I had done) or past simple (I did).

1 ‘Was Paul at the party when you arrived?’ ‘No, he had gone... (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 Sorry I’m late. The car... (break) down on my way here.

5 We were driving along the road when we... (see) a car which... (break) down, so we... (stop) to help.

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