

Lesson C: The Past Perfect

A Read each sentence and underline what happens first.

1. Dinner had finished before the dancing began.
2. Yukiko had studied English for five years before she moved to Chicago.
3. Bert turned off the headlights after he had parked the car in the garage.
4. The meat had cooked sooner than the potatoes.
5. The students had completed their homework before the teacher gave them a test.

B Read each sentence and circle the past perfect verb.

1. When Krystal arrived at the station the train had left already.
2. Marcos knew about the party because I had told him about it a week ago.
3. Sarah had read the book before she saw the movie.
4. Dr. Dowd had been a teacher before she became a doctor.
5. Jasmine had never eaten sushi before visiting Japan.

C Use each prompt to write a sentence in the past perfect.

1. Andres / be / a good student _____
2. He / listen / in class and / do / his homework _____
3. His teachers / write / letters of recommendation _____
4. Andres / apply / to six colleges / in the US _____
5. On Thursday / he find out / he be accepted / to four of them _____

D Complete each sentence with the past perfect form of the verb in parentheses.

1. Jessica _____ (learn) to ride horses at a ranch.
2. Conservation _____ important to the company. (never, be)
3. Enrollment increased after the college _____ money on new computers. (spend)
4. Profesor Ortiz _____ literature for 30 years before he retired in 2014. (teach)
5. Jackie _____ the assignment the day before it was due. (finish)

E Complete each sentence with *never* and the past perfect of *be* or *have*.

1. Before he went to college Omar _____ a roommate.
2. We _____ to another country until we went to Egypt.
3. They _____ a car until they moved to California.
4. Lydia _____ away from home before she went to college.
5. I _____ fresh coconut milk before I went to Brazil.