

Past Perfect Exercises

Exercise One

Past Perfect with 'because'. Make one sentence from two.

Example

We didn't have breakfast.

Were hungry.

We were hungry because we didn't have breakfast.

Past perfect with *because*

We didn't have breakfast. We were hungry.

He was rude to her. She wouldn't speak to him.

He drank too much at the party. He woke up with a hangover.

He lost his wallet. He couldn't pay the bill.

They lost their way. They arrived late.

He remembered their wedding anniversary. She was pleased.

Exercise Two

Past Perfect with 'only' followed by 'when'. Make one sentence from two.

Example

He drove five miles.
He ran out of petrol.

He'd only driven five miles when he ran out of petrol.

Past perfect with *only* followed by *when* + *past simple*

He drove five miles. He ran out of petrol.

He read one sentence. I told him to stop.

They walked a hundred metres. They sat down for a rest.

I was back at work for two days. I caught the flu.

We were on holiday for a week. We had to return home.

We were in our seats for two minutes. The match started

Exercise Three

Past Perfect after 'until'. Make one sentence from two.

Example

He spent all his money.
Then he went home.

He didn't go home until he'd spent all his money.

Past perfect after *until*

He spent all his money. Then he went home.

He left. Then I realised my mistake.

She turned off the light. Then she went to sleep.

I offered him a lot of money. Then he promised to do it.

He corrected all the mistakes. Then he handed the essay in.

We asked her three times. Then she agreed to do it.

Exercise Four

Past Perfect with 'after'. Transform the sentence using Past Perfect.

Example

I had a drink then I felt better.

I felt better after I'd had a drink.

Past perfect with *after*

I had a drink then I felt better.

I finished my work and went to bed.

All the students arrived then he started the lesson.

He lost all his money then he gave up gambling.

They asked her three times then she agreed to do it.

We walked six miles then we sat down to rest.