



Learn English Through Stories

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Test 11

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The perfect tenses 2

1. Read each sentence and think about the time relationship established by the verb forms, then answer the question that follows.

EXAMPLE: Peter was leaving the gym when I got there. Elizabeth had left the gym when I got there.

Whom did I run into when I got to the gym? **Peter**

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Who expected the cell phone to ring?

2. Mrs. Wilson taught at UT-Arlington for eight years. Mr. Prince has taught at UT-Arlington for eight years.

Who is teaching at UT-Arlington now?

3. Tyler went to buy groceries because he was running out of food. Robin went to buy groceries because he had run out of food.

Who is planning ahead?

4. When it stopped snowing, Lucas was walking to the bus stop. When it stopped snowing, Bertrand walked to the bus stop.

Which of the two probably caught a cold?

5. Lucy was leaving the room when I walked in. Ruben had left the room when I walked in.

Whom did I run into when entering the room?

6. She looked across the street, and Paul was waving at her. She looked across the street, and Fabien waved at her.

Who had already started waving at her before she looked across the street?

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EXAMPLE: She *had already finished* (already + finish) her graduate studies before she **turned** (turn) 21 years old.

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2. The anthropologist (leave) the Yucatan region once she (collect) enough information and (record) a decent amount of data.

3. I was late. Professor Griffin (already + give) a quiz when I (get) to class. She (also _ hand out) the syllabus for next semester.

4. I (feel) much better after I (take) the aspirin you (give) me.

5. He (be) a curator for the Metropolitan Museum before he (become) a writer.

6. Sophie (lock) herself out of the apartment.

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3. Complete each sentence, using either the simple past or the past perfect tense of the verb(s) in parentheses.

1. Yesterday at a bar, I..... (run) into Janet, an old friend of mine from college. I(not + see) her in almost five years.

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