

Oxford Heroes 3: Animals

Grammar: Past Perfect and Past Simple

Past perfect

We use the past perfect for past events that happened before other past events.

They **didn't notice** that Sam **had moved** behind them.

Past simple

We use the past simple for more recent events.

He **looked** for the orang utan, but it **had disappeared**.

1 Complete the table of irregular verbs.

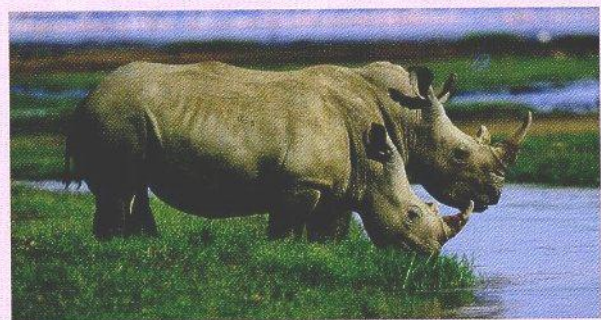
base form	past simple	past participle
see	sdw	seen
hold	1 _____	_____
fall	2 _____	_____
fly	3 _____	_____
run	4 _____	_____
throw	5 _____	_____
teach	6 _____	_____
break	7 _____	_____
feed	8 _____	_____
swing	9 _____	_____
catch	10 _____	_____

2 Choose the correct alternatives.



- Most people *went* / *had gone* home by the time we arrived at the zoo.
- We *found* / *had found* the elephants, but the keeper had fed them earlier.
- When we went back to the car, Dad discovered he *lost* / *had lost* his wallet.
- Then he *remembered* / *had remembered* he'd bought a postcard in the monkey house.
- By the time we got back to the monkey house, the wallet *disappeared* / *had disappeared*.

3 Complete the text. Use the past perfect or past simple.



The white rhino – A conservation success story

A hundred years ago, there ¹ _____ (not be) many white rhinos in South Africa because hunters ² _____ (kill) most of them. After conservationists ³ _____ (tell) the government about the problem, they ⁴ _____ (open) the Umfolosi Park. Later, parks opened all over Africa. The white rhino ⁵ _____ (survive) because the parks ⁶ _____ (save) it. Today there are more than 10,000 white rhinos in parks all over Africa.

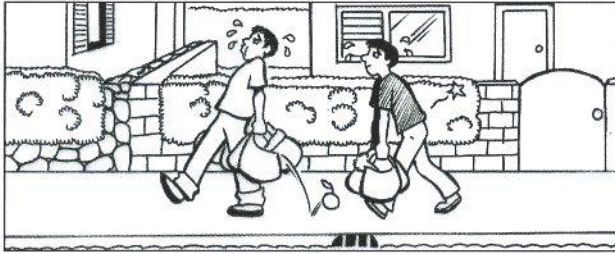
4 Complete the sentences. Use the past perfect and past simple.



We **went** (go) to a safari park because we **had seen** (see) a film about lions.

- After Dad _____ (buy) the tickets, we _____ (enter) the park.
- We _____ (drive) ten kilometres before we _____ (stop) for lunch.
- We _____ (just finish) our lunch when a lion _____ (came) towards our car.
- By the time I _____ (get out) my camera, the lion _____ (run) away.
- After we _____ (see) lots of different animals, we _____ (leave) the park.
- We _____ (be) very happy because we _____ (have) a great day.

5 Number the actions in the order they happened.



When we'd done the shopping, we went home.

- a We went home. 2
b We did the shopping. 1

- 1 Jenny had just left the house when she realized she didn't have her keys.
a Jenny realized she didn't have her keys.
b Jenny left the house.
- 2 When I'd done my homework, I watched TV.
a I did my homework.
b I watched TV.
- 3 By the time the film started, Lee and Wendy had finished their popcorn.
a Lee and Wendy finished their popcorn.
b The film started.
- 4 When Tom had eaten his dinner, he did the washing up.
a Tom did the washing up.
b Tom ate his dinner.
- 5 After I'd sent the e-mail, I saw that the address was wrong.
a I sent the e-mail.
b I saw that the address was wrong.

6 Write the sentences about Lisa's day.

Lisa/get up/as soon as/she/turn off/her alarm
Lisa got up as soon as she'd turned off her alarm.

- 1 she/brush/her teeth/after/she/eat/her breakfast

- 2 when/Lisa/just get to/the bus stop/the bus/arrive

- 3 the lesson/not start/when/Lisa/go into/the classroom

- 4 by the time/Lisa/finish/her lessons/she/learn/a lot of new things

- 5 when/Lisa/get/home from school/her mum/already make/the dinner

- 6 she/watch/TV/after/she/do/her homework

7 Match the sentences with the pictures.



When May arrived at the party, everyone had gone home.

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- 1 When May arrived at the party, everyone went home.



- 2 When the taxi came, we packed our bags.

- 3 When the taxi came, we'd packed our bags.



- 4 When my mum called me, I got dressed.

- 5 When my mum called me, I'd got dressed.

8 Complete the dialogue. Use the correct form of the past perfect or past simple.

Mum Hi, Ben. **Did you have** (you/have) a good day at school?

Ben No, it was terrible! By the time I ¹ _____

(arrive) at the bus stop this morning, the bus ² _____ (go).

Mum Oh dear. ³ _____ (you/be) late for school?

Ben Yes. When I ⁴ _____ (get) to the classroom, the first lesson of the day ⁵ _____ (already start).

Mum Oh no. What ⁶ _____ (the teacher/say)?

Ben Well, she ⁷ _____ (just finish) explaining the first exercise, so she ⁸ _____ (be) very pleased.

Mum Poor Ben! What a horrible start to the day!

