



Past Perfect Tense

Last month Ben Taylor visited his old school.

He found out that many things had changed.

Fill in the verbs in past perfect tense.

- 1- Mr Havers was no longer there. He _____ (leave) the school six years before.
- 2- When Ben was at the school, _____ (not build) the games room yet.
- 3- Miss Smith was now Mrs Smith, and Miss Brown, the Maths teacher, _____ (become) Mrs Rossi. They _____ (marry) other teachers several years before.
- 4- Ben's lovely old wooden desk wasn't there any more. The school _____ (buy) new plastic ones.
- 5- His old classroom was no longer grey. It _____ (be) painted green.
- 6- Ben didn't meet his old form teacher. She _____ (die) in 2008.

Use the simple past or past perfect.

- 1- When the ship _____ (sink), they _____ (be) at sea for a month.
- 2- After Lenny _____ (see) a film about Captain Cook, he _____ (decide) to read a book about him.
- 3- When Captain Scott _____ (reach) the South Pole he _____ (find) that the explorer Amundsen _____ (already be) there.
- 4- Anne _____ (never ride) on an elephant before she _____ (go) to London Zoo.
- 5- When Mrs Carry finally _____ (get) to the bus stop, the bus _____ (already leave).
- 6- When Mr Gilbert _____ (look) at the signpost, he _____ (realize) that he _____ (take) the wrong road.
- 7- Mrs Green _____ (arrive) at the post office at 12.30, but it _____ (close) half an hour earlier.

Match the right sentence parts and make sensible sentences.

- a) When Christopher Columbus died he still didn't realize ...
- b) Some people say that Columbus didn't really discover America ...
- c) After sailmakers had made a new kind of sail, ...
- d) In spite of what Columbus had told his sailors, ...
- e) After Amerigo Vespucci had sailed south to Brazil, ...
- f) Columbus knew that there must be land to the west, ...

- 1) people in Europe understood what Columbus had really done.
- 2) it was possible to sail against the wind.
- 3) that he had found a new world.
- 4) after he had seen pieces of bamboo on a beach in Portugal
- 5) because Leif Ericson had landed in Canada in about 980.
- 6) after four weeks at sea there was still no land in sight.

