

Grammar

Practice A

Complete the sentences with the simple past or past progressive of the verbs in parentheses.

It (rain) 1. was raining very hard when the bus (leave) 2. _____ the school. When we (get) 3. _____ home, my Aunt Millie and Uncle Ben (tell) 4. _____ us to run into their storm cellar underground. When I (look) 5. _____ up the road, I (see) 6. _____ that a tornado (come) 7. _____ toward our house. The tornado (pass) 8. _____ over us while we (try) 9. _____ to get down the stairs of the shelter. Everyone (scream) 10. _____ for help while the tornado (throw) 11. _____ things on top of us. Suddenly, the wind (become) 12. _____ very still. My uncle and sister were hurt, but we all (survive) 13. _____.

Practice B

Rob's mother- and father-in-law are coming to stay for a few days. Read the conversation between Rob and his wife, Linda.

ROB: Hi, Linda, I'm back. It's almost five o'clock. Have you cleaned the house yet?

LINDA: No, I haven't cleaned the house yet. But I've washed the dishes and changed the sheets. How about you?

ROB: Well, I've bought food and printed the photographs of Sophie, but I haven't rented any interesting movies.

LINDA: Have you done the laundry?

ROB: No, I haven't. I also haven't made dinner. Can you help me with it?

LINDA: Sure. We'd better hurry because they're going to be here soon.

The bell rings.

ROB / LINDA: Uh-oh. Too late!

1. Check (✓) yes or no to show what things Rob and Linda had already done by the time their guests arrived.

	Yes	No
a. <i>cleaned the house</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. <i>washed the dishes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. <i>changed the sheets</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. <i>bought food</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. <i>printed photos</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. <i>rented movies</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. <i>did the laundry</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. <i>made dinner</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Write sentences using the past perfect about what they had and hadn't done when their guests arrived.

- a. *They hadn't cleaned the house.* _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____
- g. _____
- h. _____

Practice C

Complete the sentences with the past perfect or the simple past.

1. By the time we (get) _____ to the park, it (already, start) _____ to rain.
2. When the hare (get) _____ to the finish line, the tortoise (already, cross) _____ the finish line.
3. Before last year, she (never, be) _____ skiing, but she (become) _____ good quickly.
4. They (not, recognize) _____ me at first because I (change) _____ my hairstyle.
5. When their parents (get) _____ home, the party (finish) _____.
6. When we finally (arrive) _____ at the theater, the movie (almost, finish) _____.
7. My mother (ask) _____ me to clean my room, but I (already, do) _____ it.
8. My uncle (retire) _____ before he (turn) _____ 50.
9. The band (already, start) _____ when I (get) _____ to the concert.
10. I (ask) _____ them out for dinner, but they (already eat) _____.

Reading

A. Read the text.

Once there was a **shepherd** boy who took care of sheep for his master. He lived near a big forest. He didn't have much to do, and his job wasn't very exciting. All he could do was talk to his dog. So he soon got very bored. One day, he thought of a plan to have fun because he had been getting so bored.

His master had told him to call for help when he saw a **wolf** near the sheep. Then the people in the village would come and scare the wolf away.

So one day, the shepherd boy ran toward the village and shouted, "Wolf! Wolf!" although he hadn't seen a wolf.

As his master had told him, the villagers left their work and ran to the field to help him. When they got there, they found the boy laughing because he had played a **trick** on them.

A few days later, the boy did what he had done before. He shouted, "Wolf! Wolf!" Again, the villagers ran to help him, and again he laughed at them. He had played the same trick on them again.

Then one evening, just before it got dark, a wolf really came and **attacked** the sheep. This time, the boy was scared and ran toward the village. He shouted, "Wolf! Wolf!" The villagers heard him, but they didn't run to help him as they had done before. "That boy is not going to trick us again!" they said.

The wolf killed many of the sheep and disappeared into the forest.

- Glossary:**
- shepherd (n.)** someone whose job is to take care of sheep (คนเลี้ยงแกะ)
 - wolf (n.)** a wild animal similar to a large dog (หมาป่า)
 - trick (n.)** something you do in order to deceive someone, or as a joke (การหลอกลวง, การเล่นตลก)
 - attack (v.)** to try to hurt or kill someone (ทำร้าย, โจมตี)

B. Use the words to write questions. Then write the answers.

1. Why/the shepherd boy/think/of a plan to have fun?

QUESTION: _____?

ANSWER: _____

2. What/his master/tell/him

QUESTION: _____?

ANSWER: _____

3. What/he/decide/to do one day

QUESTION: _____?

ANSWER: _____

4. he/see/a wolf

QUESTION: _____?

ANSWER: _____

5. What/the villagers/do

QUESTION: _____?

ANSWER: _____

6. Why/the boy/laugh

QUESTION: _____?

ANSWER: _____

7. What/the villagers/do/when the wolf really came

QUESTION: _____?

ANSWER: _____