

Practice

1 Which action comes first in each sentence? Write 1 or 2 after the verbs.

- 0 Russell realised [2] his mistake only hours after he had sent [1] the money.
 1 When Kris arrived [] at the station, the group had already left [].
 2 When Kris arrived [] at the station, the group left [].
 3 Mandy had asked [] her father to lend her the car before, but this time he agreed [].
 4 Sam had been [] in the room for some time before he realised [] it was the wrong class.
 5 By the time the builders completed [] the work, we had already moved in [].
 6 When the builders had completed [] the work, we moved in [].
 7 Jelena started [] the course because she hadn't found [] a job.
 8 Kevin got [] the job because he had been [] the best interviewee.

2 Read these sentences from novels and choose the correct words in *italics*.

3.03 Listen and check.

- 0 Her mother *had* / *had had* a beautiful voice, both when she *sang* / *had sung* and when she *talked* / *had talked*.
 1 The girls were still there, standing where he *saw* / *had seen* them earlier.
 2 Liesel's treat was a ride in a car. She *was never* / *had never been* in one before.
 3 The man was very pleasant, reminding him that they *met* / *had met* at Adam's wedding.
 4 As Joe walked away, he *felt* / *had felt* that he *said* / *had said* goodbye to the last phase of his youth.
 5 She stepped out of the bath, *reached* / *had reached* for the towel the maid *left* / *had left* for her and *wrapped* / *had wrapped* it around her.

3 GRAMMAR IN USE Complete the text with the verbs in brackets. Use the past simple or past perfect. 3.04 Listen and check.

Leyton stared at the expanse of the Atlantic Ocean in front of him. He (0) *had finally come* ... (finally / come) to the end of his journey. Several months ago he (1) (not / know) whether the journey would really be possible. After all, he (2) (recover) from his illness only weeks before he (3) (make) the decision – well, it was because of the illness that he (4) (decide) to do this, to prove it was possible. Then, after a few weeks of planning and worrying, he (5) (set out), starting from the northernmost point of the country and walking, on his own, to the southernmost point. And here he was, at the end of his journey – he (6) (achieve) his aim. And he (7) (realise) now that it was the most exciting thing he (8) (ever / do) – and probably ever would do – in his life.

