

# Past simple and past perfect

**Exercise 3. Complete the text with the words in brackets.** \_\_\_\_\_

When I ..... (be) 18 years old I ..... (decide) to spend some time in America. But until I ..... (save) enough money I ..... (not tell) anybody. My mum ..... (be shocked), because we ..... (never be) abroad. At that time I ..... (have) a penfriend in Vermont for nearly three years and I ..... (always want) to see her. I ..... (know) that my English ..... (be) very good as I ..... (pass) Cambridge exams with grade A.

Before I ..... (start) to write to Wendy, it ..... (never come) to my mind that I could go to the States on my own. But after I ..... (decide) to set off I just ..... (have) to go.

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**Key with answers:**

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