

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.

Answer key

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When I was 18 years old I decided to spend some time in America. But until I saved enough money I had not told anybody. My mum was shocked, because we had never been abroad. At that time I had a penfriend in Vermont for nearly three years and I had always wanted to see her. I knew that my English was very good as I had passed Cambridge exams with grade A.

Before I started to write to Wendy, it had never come to my mind that I could go to the States on my own. But after I had decided to set off I just had to go.