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3. We went to bed after we (watch) our favourite TV programme.
4. My father bought the new car after he (try) it a few times.
5. By the time Jimmy got to the party, everyone (begin) dancing.
6. Lorenzo (eat) all the ice cream before I (come) home.
7. There was a lot of snow outside because it (snow) earlier in that day.
8. Ben didn't pass the test because he (not study) at all.
9. Look! Somebody (leave) the windows open this morning.
10. By the time the police arrived, the burglar (break) into my neighbour's house.
11. The girl felt terrible because she (drink) all the beer.
12. Our flat was robbed because we (not lock) the front door.
13. My father couldn't find the money because he (hide) it in a drawer.
14. Leo didn't have money for the bus because he (forget) to ask his mother.
15. My cousin (never/see) a concert until his father took him one day.
16. Her bicycle wasn't there because a friend (take) it without asking her.
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