

The sequence of tenses

1. Express the following sentences in English.

a) Nachdem er was gegessen hatte, fühlte er sich viel besser.

b) Sobald wir am Central Park ankommen, werden wir einen langen Spaziergang machen.

c) Ehe wir in Manhattan ankamen, hatte ich noch nie so viele Wolkenkratzer gesehen.

2. Complete the text with the correct tenses.

When I first _____ (to arrive) in New York this morning, I _____ (cannot; to believe) how big the city actually is. While we _____ (to fly), _____ (to watch) a documentary on the history of the city on board the plane. After our English teacher _____ (already; to tell) us a lot about this city, we _____ (to be) very happy that we would soon be able to discover it. First, we _____ (to take) the tube to our hotel and _____ (to check) into our rooms. Before we _____ (to leave) for the Statue of Liberty, we _____ (to eat) very tasty hamburgers in a small snack bar.

Now we are standing underneath the huge Statue of Liberty. Once we _____ (to get) to the top, we _____ (to enjoy) a great view.

Some hours later....

While I _____ (to write) this entry in my diary, my girlfriend _____ (to look) at the photos we took today. After I _____ (to see) some pictures of the statue in a book at home, I _____ (to be) still surprised how big it is anyway. While we _____ (to walk) up the 162 steps, we _____ (to talk) to some tourists the whole time. When we _____ (to arrive) at the observation deck, the view of Manhattan _____ (to be) overwhelming. As soon as we _____ (to be) relaxed, we _____ (to see) a musical on Broadway this evening. When we _____ (to reach) Times Square, we _____ (enjoy) the lively atmosphere there.

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- a) Nachdem er was gegessen hatte, fühlte er sich viel besser.
__After he had eaten something, he felt much better._____
- b) Sobald wir am Central Park ankommen, werden wir einen langen Spaziergang machen.
__Once we arrive at Central Park, we will take a long walk._____
- c) Ehe wir in Manhattan ankamen, hatte ich noch nie so viele Wolkenkratzer gesehen.
__Before we arrived in Manhattan, I had never seen so many skyscrapers._____

2. Complete the text with the correct tenses.

When I first ____arrived_____ (to arrive) in New York this morning, I ____couldn't believe_____ (cannot; to believe) how big the city actually is. While we ____were flying_____ (to fly), I ____was watching_____ (to watch) a documentary on the history of the city on board the plane. After our English teacher ____had already told_____ (already; to tell) us a lot about this city, we ____were_____ (to be) very happy that we would soon be able to discover it. First, we ____took_____ (to take) the tube to our hotel and ____checked_____ (to check) into our rooms. Before we ____left_____ (to leave) for the Statue of Liberty, we ____had eaten_____ (to eat) very tasty hamburgers in a small snack bar.

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