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Child Prodigies

Part 1: Match the words to their definitions.

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| 1. brilliant (adj) | • | • a person, especially a young one, endowed with exceptional qualities or abilities |
| 2. prodigy (n) | • | • to write or create (a work of art, especially music or poetry) |
| 3. transcribe (v) | • | • exceptionally clever or talented |
| 4. compose (v) | • | • to write down or record; to translate into written form |

Part 2: Choose the best context. Which sentence uses the bold word correctly?

- A. The mountain was very **brilliant**, so it was difficult to climb.
B. Her performance was absolutely **brilliant**, and she received a standing ovation.
- A. The student carefully **transcribed** the old handwritten letter into digital form.
B. The artist **transcribed** the paint onto the wall.
- A. Mark proudly called himself a **prodigy** even though he failed every exam.
B. At only six years old, the pianist was recognized worldwide as a musical **prodigy**.
- A. She sat by the piano to **compose** a calm, emotional melody.
B. She **composed** the furniture by listening carefully to classical music.
- A. He claimed to be a **prodigy** because he could forget things very quickly.
B. She became famous as a technology **prodigy** before turning fifteen.
- A. It was a **brilliant** idea – simple, elegant, and highly effective.
B. The cat was **brilliant** because it sparkled like a disco ball.
- A. The mechanic **transcribed** the car by repainting the engine.
B. The volunteer **transcribed** the podcast for people with hearing difficulties.

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Past Perfect vs. Past Simple

Part 1: Complete the sentences with the Past Simple or Past Perfect of the verbs in brackets.

1. Everyone _____ (hug) each other after they _____ (finish) their exams.
2. The children _____ (not eat) for days so they _____ (be) extremely hungry.
3. Sarah _____ (split up) with John before she met Sam.
4. My uncle flew to London last year. He _____ (never/go) on a plane before that.
5. She _____ (feel) very ill because he _____ (not sleep) well.
6. When we _____ (get) home, my wife realized she _____ (lose) her wallet.

Part 2: Write your own sentence using Past Perfect + Past Simple based on each prompt.

Ex. *Prompt:* Something you had owned before you turned 6.

Sentence: I had owned a dog before I turned 6.

1. Something you had finished before you went to bed last night.

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2. Someone you had already met before your first day at a new school or job.

→ _____

3. Something that had disappeared before you noticed it.

→ _____

4. Something you had believed before you found out the truth.

→ _____

5. Something you had never tried before you visited another city or country.

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