Past Perfect

Basic 5

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+ S + had + past participle + ...
She had finished the test.

− S + had not/hadn't + past participle + ...
She hadn't finished the test.

? Had + S + past participle + ...?
Had she finished the test?

Practice

A. Put the verbs into the correct form (past perfect simple).

1. The storm destroyed the sandcastle that we (build) had built.
2. He (not / be)_____ to Cape Town before 1997.
3. When she went out to play, she (do / already) _____her homework.
4. My brother ate all of the cake that our mum (make)_____.
5. The doctor took off the plaster that he (put on) _____ six weeks before.
6. The waiter brought a drink that I (not / order) _____.
7. I could not remember the poem we (learn) _____ last week.
8. The children collected the chestnuts that (fall) _____from the tree.
9. (He / phone) _____ Angie before he went to see her in London?
10. She (not / ride) _____ a horse before that day.

B. Change the verbs to past perfect or past simple.

1. First: Carlos ate breakfast. Then: Raul called.
   Carlos (eat)_____already _____breakfast by the time Raul (call)_____
2. First: I made my bed. Then: I went to bed.
   I (go)_____ to bed after I (make)_____ my bed
3. First: Beatriz did the laundry. Then: She turned on the TV.
   Beatriz (turn) _____on the TV after she (do)_____ the laundry.
4. First: David threw the football. Then: Luis fell down.
   Luis (fall)_____down after David (throw)_____ the football.
5. First: I bought a dress. Then: My mother found a really good price.
   After I (buy) _____already, _____ a dress my mother (find) _____a really good price.
6. Last night I started to cook at 1:30. At 3:00, My husband got home.
   By the time my husband (get) _____ home, I (cook)_____already_____.
7. Yesterday Maria cleaned the house and then she went to work.
   Maria (go)_____ to work after she (clean)_____ the house.
8. Peter was late. By the time he (get)_____ to the theatre, the movie (start) ____already.
9. The teacher (give)_____an exam by the time I (arrive)_____ at school.
10. We (play)_____cards for several hours after the children (go)_____to bed.

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C. Read the sentences and choose the correct alternative

1. When I _____ dinner, I _____ TV for a while.
   a) finished . . . watched b) finished . . . had watched
   c) had finished . . . watched d) had finished . . . had watched
2. I _____ in the door when the phone _____.
   a) had just walked . . . had rung b) had just walked . . . rang
   c) just walked . . . had rung d) just walked . . . Rang
3. Bob _____ in several other states when he _____ to move to California.
   a) had worked . . . had decided b) worked . . . had decided
   c) worked . . . decided d) had worked . . . decided
4. When they _____, Joe and Nancy _____ each other for three months.
   a) got married . . . had only known b) had got married . . . only knew
   c) got married . . . only knew d) had got married . . . had only known
5. Tom _____ his car for only a short time when it _____.
   a) had had . . . had been stolen b) had . . . had been stolen
   c) had had . . . was stolen d) had . . . was stollen

D. Read the situations and write sentences from the words in brackets.

1. You went to Jill's house but she wasn't there. (she/go/out) She had gone out.
2. You went back to your home town after many years. It wasn't the same as before.
   (it/change/a lot) _____
3. I invited Rachel to the party but she couldn't come.
   (she/arrange/to do something else) _____
4. You went to the cinema last night. You arrived at the cinema late.
   (The film/already/begin) _____
5. I was very pleased to see Tim again after such a long time.
   (I/not/see/him for five years) _____

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