Narrative Tenses

Change the verbs to past perfect or simple past.

1. First: Diego ate dinner. Then: Pablo came over.
   Diego (eat) _____ dinner already by the time Pablo (come) _____ over.
2. First: I finished my homework. Then: I went to bed.
   I (go) _____ to bed after I (finish) _____ my homework.
3. First: Sam washed the dishes. Then: Sam turned on the TV.
   Sam (turn) _____ on the TV after he (wash) _____ the dishes.
4. First: Frank threw the football. Then: Frank fell down.
   Frank (fall) _____ down after he (throw) _____ the football.
5. First: I bought an airplane ticket. Then: Sara found a really good price.
   After I (buy) _____ an airplane ticket already, Sara (find) _____ a really good price.
6. Last night I started to make dinner at 5:30, and finished at 5:50. At 6:00, my husband came home.
   By the time my husband (come) _____ home, I (make) _____ dinner already.
7. Yesterday Maria fed the cat and then she went to work.
   Maria (go) _____ to work after she (feed) _____ the cat.
8. Peter was late. By the time he (get) _____ to the theater, the movie (start) _____ already.
9. The teacher (give) _____ an exam by the time Jorge _____ (arrive) at school.
10. We (play) _____ cards for several hours after the children (go) _____ to bed.

Read the story and choose the correct form of the verb

First Time Buyers

Last year, my wife and I _____ our first house. We _____ together for 5 years before we bought our house, so we _____ how to live together. I'll never forget the first house we _____ at. It _____ a small house in the suburbs with small windows. While we _____ around the house, I _____ how dark and depressing it _____. I _____ in a house with a lot of light and big windows, so I instantly _____ it. We _____ a few more houses after that which were all quite nice. We _____ up buying the second house that we _____. We _____ it twice before we _____ it, just to be sure. I _____ of this day for a long time. Now, we have moved in. I'm really happy.

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