

We also use the Past Perfect tense in Indirect or Reported Speech.

Exercise I PAST PERFECT TENSE



Fill in the blanks with the Past Perfect tense of the verbs in the brackets.

e.g. I _____ (eat) my dinner when the show started.
I **had eaten** my dinner when the show started.

1. He _____ (reach) school by the time she woke up.
2. The bus driver _____ (close) the door before we could board the bus.
3. When we reached home, Mum _____ (cook) dinner.
4. By the time the artist _____ (complete) his painting, it was already sunset.
5. When she _____ (finish) her bath, they _____ already _____ (complete) the puzzle.
6. The dog _____ (jump) over the fence by the time the hunters arrived.
7. After Ali _____ (perform), he went backstage and changed.
8. After James _____ (reach) the chalet, he cooked some noodles.
9. They were admitted into the concert after they _____ (display) their VIP passes.
10. The miners went home after they _____ (switch) off the ventilator fans.

Past perfect / Past simple



Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use Past Perfect or Past Simple tense:

- 1.- Tom (give) me the book yesterday but I knew he (not read) it.
- 2.- Alice came back from Australia and she said that she (enjoy) a lot there.
- 3.-When I arrived home I realised that I (not phone) my grandparents.
- 4.- The postman (come) after I (leave) the office.
- 5.-When the old lady (return) to her flat, she (see) that burglars (break) into.
- 6.-The train (leave) before Helen (arrive) at the station.
- 7.-My grandmother (make) some cheese sandwiches when I (get) home at 5.30
- 8.-After she (study) the lesson, she (do) the exercises.
- 9.- Barbara (forget) that she (not do) any shopping for the weekend.
- 10.- Jack (be) very tired because he (work) until late.

