



# PAST SIMPLE OR PAST PERFECT?

We use the **PAST SIMPLE** to talk about completed actions in the past:

*I **got up** at seven o'clock.*

We use the **PAST PERFECT** to talk about actions that happened **before** other actions in the past. We use the **PAST SIMPLE** to talk about more recent actions.

*When I **arrived** home, my parents **had already eaten**.*

## 1. Choose the correct alternative:

- When my sister **arrived/had arrived** home yesterday, my parents **went/had gone** to bed.
- The train **left/had already left** when I **got/had got** to the station.
- The film **started/had started** when David **came/had come** to the cinema.
- He **passed/had passed** his exams because he **worked/had worked** hard.
- Jane **felt/had felt** disappointed because Josh **forgot/had forgotten** her birthday.
- Lisa **went/had gone** out after she **chose/had chosen** a dress.
- She **looked/had looked** gorgeous because she **picked/had picked** her best dress.
- She **put on/had put on** her dress after she **ironed/had ironed** it.



## 2. Past simple or past perfect?

- When I \_\_\_\_\_ (phone) Anne, she \_\_\_\_\_ (already/leave).
- The kids \_\_\_\_\_ (turn off) the TV because their favourite programme \_\_\_\_\_ (finish)
- The plane \_\_\_\_\_ (already/land) when we \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) to the airport
- When I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) Mary, her parents \_\_\_\_\_ (already/tell) her the bad news.
- Jane \_\_\_\_\_ (already/swim) in the swimming pool when her husband \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) and \_\_\_\_\_ (give) her bunch of roses.
- When Ted \_\_\_\_\_ (give) Jane the flowers, they \_\_\_\_\_ (not/celebrate) their wedding anniversary yet.
- Jane \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) all the champagne before Ted \_\_\_\_\_ (come).

