

PAST PERFECT or PAST SIMPLE

5 Circle the correct answer.

- When I went / had gone into the classroom the lesson already started / had already started.
- They bought / had bought some popcorn before they paid / had paid for their tickets.
- When I got / had got to the bus stop the bus left / had left.
- By the time she managed / had managed to open the door, the postman already went / had already gone.
- The time of the meeting changed / had changed but no one told / had told me, so I arrived late.
- I didn't call / hadn't called you because I left / I'd left my mobile at home.
- When they sat / had sat down on the sofa the film just started / had just started.
- We bought / 'd bought her a present in New York but we forgot / had forgotten to take it with us.

6 Complete with the past perfect simple or the past simple.

Mrs Hardy: Oh, dear! Lucy, why are you so wet? What happened?

Lucy: Christina and I ¹ had arranged (arrange) to meet at the cinema, but she ² (not come)! I ³ (already / buy) the tickets, so I ⁴ (go) in by myself. After the film ⁵ (start), a tall boy ⁶ (come) and sat in front of me. I couldn't see anything so I moved to the seat next to me. But I ⁷ (leave) my coke on it and I actually ⁸ (sit) down on it! Look at my trousers! I was so embarrassed! When I ⁹ (go) outside, it ¹⁰ (just / start) to rain. I ¹¹ (not take) an umbrella with me so I got wet! And that's not all. I ¹² (just / arrive) at the bus stop when a red car ¹³ (splash) muddy water all over me!

Peter: Lucy, which cinema did you go to?

Lucy: The Plaza.

Peter: Oops! Nicola went to The Odeon. She called an hour after you ¹⁴ (leave). She was really angry because she ¹⁵ (called) your mobile a hundred times but there was no answer!

Lucy: My mobile was dead. The battery ¹⁶ (run out)! Oh no!

