



Verb Tenses

Past Perfect Simple or Continuous

A- Choose the most suitable verb tense.

1. By the time Vera finished her course, she _____ in Dublin for six years.
2. They _____ to find the hotel all evening.
3. He moved because he _____ a job in another place.
4. Everybody noticed that you _____ a mistake.
5. I went to New York. I _____ about it for years.
6. He _____ never _____ about returning to his hometown.
7. They didn't want to lunch because they _____ already _____.
8. I _____ since early morning.
9. The waiter served something that we _____.

B- Put the verbs into the past perfect simple or continuous.

1. The game _____ (not/start) by the time we arrived.
2. Were you afraid after the plane _____ (take) off?
3. They _____ (prepare) the party for hours.
4. He had to leave because he _____ (arrange) to pick Molly up.
5. Ben was fired. He _____ (spy) for a rival company.
6. Her throat was sore because she _____ (shout) for a long time.
7. They were hungry because they _____ (not / eat) anything.
8. Her eyes were red. She _____ (cry)
9. I _____ (write) the email before you arrive.
10. John was tired. he _____ (not/sleep) for 24 hours.

C- Complete the dialogues with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. A: Was that your first flight?
B: Yes, I _____ never _____ (fly) before.
2. A: Why didn't you know how to do the exercise?
B: I _____ (not / listen) to the teacher.
3. A: Why didn't you watch the film?
B: Because I _____ already _____ (watch) it.
4. A: Yesterday I had a terrible headache.
B: Of course, you _____ (lie) in the sun all day.
5. A: Why didn't you go to the beach?
B: Because it _____ (rain).