Past perfect vs. Past simple

Complete this sentences with either the past simple or past perfect form of the verbs in brackets:

1) He _____ (be) very sad because his dog _____ (die).

2) I _____ never _____ (see) a squirrel before I _____ (travel) to Boston.

3) They _____ already _____ (eat) dinner by the time I _____ (get) home.

4) I _____ (not go) with you to the cinema because I _____ (watch) that movie already.

5) They _____ (not choose) the model I _____ (suggest). I'm very upset.

6) The dream vacation I _____ (design) _____ (not come) true after all.

7) I _____ (think) you _____ (leave) him!

8) The police _____ (chase) the criminals, but they _____ (not catch) them because they _____ already _____ (escape) in a getaway car.