

Past Perfect and Past Simple

Note the difference:

Past Perfect



When his sister phoned, Tim **had left**.
(Tim had left before his sister phoned.)

Past Simple



When his sister phoned, Tim **left**.
(His sister phoned and then Tim left.)

Task. Put the verbs in the Past Simple or the Past Perfect Tense

1. After they (eat) the shellfish, they (begin) to feel sick.
2. When I (arrive) at the cinema, the film (start).
3. When we (finish) dinner, we (go out).
4. They (be) late for the plane because they (forget) their passports.
5. He (meet) her somewhere before.
6. We (go) skiing as soon as the snow (cover) the slope.
7. When I (finish) my morning jog, Kate (already/ have) breakfast.
8. She (stop) playing volleyball after she (suffer) a knee injury.
9. Monica (do) many sports before she (take up) athletics professionally.
10. Before her guests (arrive), she (already/ cook) an apple pie.
11. By the time the film (start), I (finish) my homework.
12. Sam (eat) all the chocolates before I (take) one.