

GRAMMAR

PAST SIMPLE – PAST PERFECT SIMPLE – PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

Examples: **past simple**

- They **allowed** the trekker to enter the village after he **had spoken** to the chef.

- By the time the bus **arrived**, we **had been waiting** for 50 minutes.

Past Simple

past perfect continuous

PAST SIMPLE:

1. Subject (+) verb (*in past tense*)

He **went** to school. (past tense of “go” is “went”)

PAST PERFECT:

1. Subject (+) had (+) verb in past participle

She **had spoken** to her friends about that. (past participle of speak is spoken)

PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS:

1. Subject (+) had been (+) verb “ing”

Tommy **had been waiting** for her mother since yesterday. (had been + wait + ing)

Complete the sentences with the Past Simple, Past Perfect Simple or the Past Perfect Continuous of the verbs in brackets.

1. Roger _____ (arrive) late at the train station. By the time he _____ (reach) the platform, the train _____ (leave).
2. Alison _____ (talk) on the phone with her sister for three hours by the time she _____ (hang) up. She _____ (not speak) to her for a long time and she _____ (have) lots of news to tell her.
3. By the time the sun _____ (go) down, we _____ (play) tennis for four hours. We _____ (be) exhausted.