

PAST PERFECT AND PAST SIMPLE

A. Put the verb in the Past Perfect tense.

1. They _____ (eat) before he arrived.
2. _____ (you finish) the report before he asked for it?
3. Jennifer _____ (buy) the house before the market crashed.
4. What _____ (she do) that upset him so much?
5. Our boss _____ (not make) the decision yet when management changed their mind.
6. The students _____ (write) the report, but the teacher made them do it again.
7. Mark _____ (want) to go to New York, but his wife changed his mind.

B. Past Simple or Past Perfect? Read the sentences and circle the correct options.

1. The robbers **left** / **had left** the bank when the policemen finally **arrived** / **had arrived**.
2. When the rain **started** / **had started**, the Atkinsons **finished** / **had finished** planting trees.
4. Darcey **saw** / **had seen** this castle before she **came** / **had come** again last Sunday.
5. Mr. Palmer **didn't speak** / **hadn't spoken** any Chinese before he **moved** / **had moved** to Peking.
6. Sonny **got** / **had got** fainted by the time the ambulance **reached** / **had reached** the hospital.

C. Past Simple or Past Perfect Simple – fill in the correct form.

1. I _____ (not tell) my teacher that my mum _____ (help) me with my homework.
2. Paul _____ (not say) that he _____ (take) Albert's watch.
3. The bike _____ (be) much more expensive than he _____ (think) at first.
4. Dad _____ (drive) me home after I _____ (fall) into the water.
5. Marion _____ (ask) me what _____ (happen) to me last week.
6. We _____ (eat) two Big Macs before we _____ (go) home.