

PAST TENSES

1. In this exercise, you'll need to read the sentences provided and identify the form of the past tense used in each one.

1. The train departed at 9:00 A.M.
2. John drank coffee before heading to work.
3. Mary was reading a book.
4. The kids were playing in the park.
5. He had finished his homework before his parents arrived home.
6. I had met Sam three years ago.
7. I was getting anxious about the meeting.
8. The baby had been crying all night.
9. They had written the report before the deadline.
10. She graduated from university last year.

2. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the past tense.

1. By the time we arrived, she _____ for us at the train station for three hours.

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| a) waited | b) had waited |
| c) was waiting | d) had been waiting |

2. We _____ a video game when our friends came.

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| a) played | b) were playing |
| c) had played | d) had been playing |

3. After I _____ my lunch, I went back to the office.

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| a) ate | b) was eating |
| c) had eaten | d) had been eating |

4. Matthew _____ home late at night when the accident happened.

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| a) drove | b) was driving |
| c) had driven | d) had been driving |

5. The guests _____ the party before I reached the restaurant.

- a) left
- b) were leaving
- c) had left
- d) had been leaving

6. Emma _____ her favorite program for two hours before her mother turned off the TV.

- a) watched
- b) was watching
- c) had watched
- d) had been watching

7. They were reading a book when somebody _____ at the door.

- a) knocked
- b) was knocking
- c) had knocked
- d) had been knocking

8. I _____ to music at 7 pm yesterday.

- a) listened
- b) was listening
- c) had listened
- d) had been listening

9. They _____ to the theater last night.

- a) went
- b) were going
- c) had gone
- d) had been going

10. By the time I came back, Mike and Jane _____ , so I couldn't tell them about it.

- a) were already leaving
- b) left
- c) had already left
- d) had already been leaving

3. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets. Use Past Simple, Past Continuous, Past Perfect or Past Perfect Continuous.

1. They _____ at the airport and _____. (arrive / check in)

2. We _____ dinner when Lily _____ her plate.

(have / drop)

3. At 7 pm, most people _____ a movie in the hall. (watch)

4. While Ryan _____, Daisy _____ a cake.
(sleep / make)

5. I _____ working in the garden before you _____. (finish / call)

6. They _____ to fix the car for several hours before they finally _____ what was the problem. (try / understand)

7. My dad _____ in that house forty years ago. (live)

8. By 3 pm, she _____ everything for the meeting. (prepare)

9. I _____ for five hours before I _____ my destination. (drive / reach)

10. They _____ before you _____. (go out / call)

4. Fill in the where necessary.

1 Cairo is capital of Egypt.

2 Great Britain is situated on two large islands.

3 London stands on Thames.

4 I had my holiday in northern Italy last year but I'm going to cross Atlantic ocean and visit USA next year.

5 Moon moves round Earth.

6 Great Patriotic war started in 1941.

7..... Volga is longest river in Russia.

8 Ukraine and Turkey are separated by Black sea.

9 My friend usually goes to Alps in spring by plane.

10..... Urals are lower than Caucasus.