



PAST SIMPLE or PAST PERFECT?

SIMPLE PAST TENSE

We use Simple Past Tense to express action or actions started and finished at a specific time in the past.

Examples : I watched TV last night.

Henry painted the fence all day long yesterday.

PAST PERFECT TENSE

We use Past Perfect Tense to express that an action or actions happened before something else happened.

Examples : I had eaten dinner before they came

Tilly had seen that film before it was on TV.

A. Read the sentences carefully and choose the correct options:

1. After he recovered / had recovered, Daniel practiced / had practiced basketball again .
2. When the police answered / had answered the phone, the robbers escaped / had escaped.
3. After Luisa tried / had tried on 5 sweaters, she finally picked / had picked the red one.
4. After he finished / had finished lunch, Peter asked / had asked for the dessert.
5. When Peter had / had had the accident, he walked / had walked just 500 metres.

B. Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets (). Use **Past Simple** or **Past Perfect**.

Example:

After they (finish) their homework, they (play) PC games.

1. Jack _____ (decide) to have a rest after he _____ (paint) the hall and the kitchen.
2. I _____ (study) for the exam before I _____ (realize) it was cancelled.
3. She _____ (pack) her stuff before she _____ (catch) the train.
4. I _____ (finish) my homework before my mom _____ (return).
5. Julie _____ (enter) the house when it _____ (start) to rain.
6. I _____ (work) as a teacher for 3 years after I _____ (graduate) from school.
7. They _____ (live) in Bogota for 2 years before they _____ (move) to London.
8. After Tania _____ (learn) to swim, she _____ (enter) the competition.
9. When the boys _____ (arrive) at the cinema, the film _____ (start).
10. Alan _____ (watch) TV after he _____ (have) lunch.