



# Verb Tenses

## Past Perfect Simple or Continuous

### A- Choose the most suitable verb tense.

1. By the time Vera finished her course, she \_\_\_\_\_ in Dublin for six years.
2. They \_\_\_\_\_ to find the hotel all evening.
3. He moved because he \_\_\_\_\_ a job in another place.
4. Everybody noticed that you \_\_\_\_\_ a mistake.
5. I went to New York. I \_\_\_\_\_ about it for years.
6. He \_\_\_\_\_ never \_\_\_\_\_ about returning to his hometown.
7. They didn't want to lunch because they \_\_\_\_\_ already \_\_\_\_\_.
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ since early morning.
9. The waiter served something that we \_\_\_\_\_.

### B- Put the verbs into the past perfect simple or continuous.

1. The game \_\_\_\_\_ (not/start) by the time we arrived.
2. Were you afraid after the plane \_\_\_\_\_ (take) off?
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) the party for hours.
4. He had to leave because he \_\_\_\_\_ (arrange) to pick Molly up.
5. Ben was fired. He \_\_\_\_\_ (spy) for a rival company.
6. Her throat was sore because she \_\_\_\_\_ (shout) for a long time.
7. They were hungry because they \_\_\_\_\_ (not / eat) anything.
8. Her eyes were red. She \_\_\_\_\_ (cry)
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ (write) the email before you arrive.
10. John was tired. he \_\_\_\_\_ (not/sleep) for 24 hours.

### C- Complete the dialogues with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. A: Was that your first flight?  
B: Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ never \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) before.
2. A: Why didn't you know how to do the exercise?  
B: I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / listen) to the teacher.
3. A: Why didn't you watch the film?  
B: Because I \_\_\_\_\_ already \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) it.
4. A: Yesterday I had a terrible headache.  
B: Of course, you \_\_\_\_\_ (lie) in the sun all day.
5. A: Why didn't you go to the beach?  
B: Because it \_\_\_\_\_ (rain).