Past Perfect and Past Simple

Name: _____

1. Choose the correct tense.

1 After five minutes, I realised I **saw / had seen** the film before.

2 I **never understood / had never understood** Physics but now I did!

3 By the time he **was / had been** 20, he had travelled around the world.

4 She was in hospital because she **had / had had** an accident.

5 We had almost finished writing when the bell **rang / had rung**.

6 I got there late, so they **ate / had eaten** all the sandwiches.

7 **Had you been / Were you** there before, or was it your first time?

8 When the boys **arrived / had arrived**, the party had started.

2. Match to make sentences.

1 When we had written our stories	**a** she had changed completely.
2 I couldn't sleep for a week	**b** but the tricks were fantastic.
3 By the time I reached the shop	**c** after I had seen that film.
4 The next time I saw her,	**d** by the time the police arrived.
5 The man had run away	**e** we gave them to the teacher.
6 I had never believed in magic,	**f** I had forgotten what I wanted.

3. Complete with the past simple or past perfect simple form of the verbs in brackets.

1 When they got married, Bill _____ Mary for ten years. (know)

2 By the time I got back to the shop, it _____. (close)

3 We _____ as excited as we were that day. (never / be)

4 My dog _____three holes in the garden before it found the bone! (dig)

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5 They _____ the film when the actor died. (just / finish)

6 The children _____ the story many times before, but they always enjoyed it. (hear)

7 We had a test on all the words we _____ in our notebooks. (write)

8 I was really hungry but luckily my parents _____ lots of food that morning. (buy)

5. Choose the action that happened *first*.

1 I **had watered** the flowers so I **went** back in the house.

2 When I **got** to school that day, it **had been painted**!

3 Timmy **couldn't go** home until the doctor **had seen** him.

4 Steve **won** the competition because he **had taken** the best photograph.

5 We **bought** some cream because George **had been** in the sun too long.

6 They **had forgotten** to bring the tent so they **looked** for a hotel.

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