PAST PERFECT SIMPLE

If you tell a story it's sometimes necessary to tell about actions that had happened before the past tense. To express the time when these actions happened you have to use the past perfect.

How to form: had (not) + 3rd form

Key words: after, before

Examples:

She needed help because someone **had stolen** her car.
He passed the test because he **had studied** a lot.
After she **had done** her homework, she visited me.
When I came home, they **had** already **eaten**.
They **had sold** everything before they moved to Glasgow.

Forming Questions:

Had she **done** her homework when you visited her?
Had they already **eaten** when you came home?
Had he **sold** everything before he moved?

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Complete the following sentences with the past perfect simple.

1. After they_____a cup of tea, they had some cake. (have)

2. He told me that he_____lions the day before. (see)

3. After they_____lunch, they drank a cup of tea. (finish)

4. Before he went to bed, he_____to his favourite songs. (listen)

5. My little sister_____all the jam tarts before her parents came

   home. (eat)

6. After he_____the police, he called the ambulance. (call)

7. He told his teacher that he_____to do his homework. (forget)

8. After they_____all the famous sights, they went to a restaurant.

   (see)

9. He asked me which animals I_____in Africa. (hunt)

10. After Columbus_____America, he returned to Spain. (discover)

11. Before she typed her letters, she_____a cup of coffee. (have)

12. After the train_____, they went for a sightseeing tour. (arrive)

13. He_____to watch TV when the telephone rang. (start)

14. My little brother opened the box after he_____the key. (get)

15. After he_____school, he started to work at the butcher's. (finish)

16. When he was young, he_____a good swimmer. (be)

17. After they_____for their holidays, their friends arrived. (leave)

18. They_____everything before they moved to Glasgow. (sell)

19. After she_____the windows, she washed the curtains. (clean)

20. Before he mowed the lawn, he_____some roses. (pick)