

## **Past Simple, Past Perfect Simple & Past Perfect Continuous**

Complete the sentences using the past simple or past perfect simple.

1. The 9 o'clock train .....( leave ) when we arrived at the station.
2. She .....( just/ get ) into the car when it started to rain.
3. James.....( turn ) off his mobile phone before he went to bed.
4. We had put on our jackets before the bell.....( ring ).
5. The fire had already gone out when the fire brigade .....( arrive )
6. By 8 p.m. everybody .....( go ) home.
7. By Tuesday he .....( spend ) all his pocket money.
8. I took her some dinner but she .....( already/eat ).
9. When Barbara went in , Tom .....( clean ) up the mess.
10. First she .....( wash ) her hands, then she made a sandwich.

Click the correct answer

1. By ten o'clock    had written   / had been writing    all the invitations.
2. He    had waited   / had been waiting   for half an hour before he found a taxi.
3. Paul and Susan    had painted   / had been painting the flat before they moved in.
4. Martha    hadn't eaten   / hadn't been eating   well and she had lost a lot of weight.
5. By midnight she    had worked   / had been working   for sixteen hours.
6. We    had found   / had been finding the lost boys before it became dark.
7. She had left / had been leaving   her glasses at home so she couldn't read her book.
8. I    had known   / had been knowing Mary for ages - She was my best friend.
9. The game    had finished   / had been finishing   when I found the answer.
10. Vicky couldn't get into her house because she    had left   / had been leaving   her keys at the office.