

# Present perfect

**Exercise 1: Use correct form of the verb in the blanket to complete the following sentences.**

1. The storm destroyed the sandcastle that we \_\_\_\_\_ (build).
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not / be) to Cape Town before 1997.
3. When she went out to play, she \_\_\_\_\_ (do / already) her homework.
4. My brother ate all of the cake that our mum \_\_\_\_\_ (make).
5. The doctor took off the plaster that he \_\_\_\_\_ (put on) six weeks before.
6. The waiter brought a drink that I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / order).
7. I could not remember the poem we \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) the week before.
8. The children collected the chestnuts that \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) from the tree.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ (he / phone) Angie before he went to see her in London?
10. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not / ride) a horse before that day.
11. Kevin \_\_\_\_\_ (go) home by the time I arrived.
12. Ethan suddenly realised that he \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) his laptop on the train.
13. Mum was annoyed because I \_\_\_\_\_ (not clean) my room.

14. \_\_\_\_\_ (they / study) English before they went to the USA?

15. We were hungry because we \_\_\_\_\_ (not eat).

**Exercise 2: Circle the correct word in each sentences below.**

1. The robbers **left/ had** left the bank when the policemen finally **arrived/ had arrived**.
2. When the rain **started/ had started**, the Atkinsons **finished/ had finished** planting trees.
3. By the time Rebecca **went/ had gone** into the store, she **got/ had got** soaked.
4. Darcey **saw/ had seen** this castle before she **came/ had come** again last Sunday.
5. Mr. Palmer **didn't speak/ hadn't spoken** any Chinese before he **moved/ had moved** to Peking.
6. Sonny **got / had got** fainted by the time the ambulance **reached/ had reached** the hospital.
7. When my mother **brought/ had brought** me an apple, I **finished/ had finished** my homework.
8. Mrs. Wilkinson **refused/ had refused** to drive the car because she **had/ had had** a terrible accident on the highway about a year ago.
9. I **didn't think/ hadn't thought** of having a new house before I **saw/ had seen** that ad on TV.
10. My uncle **didn't try/ hadn't tried** Italian food before **went/ had gone** to that restaurant.

**Exercise 3: Choose the correct sentence (a or b) which has the same meaning with the first sentence**

1. ***I had already seen the film but I decided to watch it again last night.***

- a. I watched the film last night for the first time.
- b. Last night wasn't the first time that I had seen the film.

**2. *The boys were playing football while it was raining.***

- a. The boys were playing football until it started to rain.
- b. The boys played football in the rain.

**3. *I was writing an e-mail when our computer broke down.***

- a. Our computer broke down before I wrote an e-mail.
- b. I had started writing an e-mail and then our computer broke down.

**4. *My aunt bought me a lovely gift after she had spent the summer holiday with us.***

- a. When the summer holiday was over, my aunt bought me a lovely gift.
- b. While my aunt was spending the summer holiday with us, she bought us a lovely gift

**Exercise 4: Use correct form of the verb (past simple or past perfect) in the blanket to complete the following sentences.**

1. After I \_\_\_\_\_ (post) the letter, I \_\_\_\_\_ (realise) that I \_\_\_\_\_ (write) the wrong address on it.
2. John asked me where I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) the day before.
3. At this time yesterday, we \_\_\_\_\_ (already walk) for 6 km.
4. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) through the streets of Madrid, I \_\_\_\_\_ (think) about the magnificent time I \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) there as a student.
5. It was the first time that she \_\_\_\_\_ (invite) me to dinner.

6. As soon as the maid \_\_\_\_\_ (finish)  
scrubbing the kitchen floor, she \_\_\_\_\_ (start)  
working in the garden.

7. We started to worry about Jimmy because we  
\_\_\_\_\_ (call) him all afternoon.

8. They \_\_\_\_\_ (already make) their way out of  
town before the sun \_\_\_\_\_ (rise).

9. We \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) for two hours when we  
finally got to our hotel.

10. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) home, I saw that the  
children \_\_\_\_\_ (leave).