

We also use the Past Perfect tense in Indirect or Reported Speech.

## Exercise I PAST PERFECT TENSE



Fill in the blanks with the Past Perfect tense of the verbs in the brackets.

e.g. I \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) my dinner when the show started.  
I **had eaten** my dinner when the show started.

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ (reach) school by the time she woke up.
2. The bus driver \_\_\_\_\_ (close) the door before we could board the bus.
3. When we reached home, Mum \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) dinner.
4. By the time the artist \_\_\_\_\_ (complete) his painting, it was already sunset.
5. When she \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) her bath, they \_\_\_\_\_ already \_\_\_\_\_ (complete) the puzzle.
6. The dog \_\_\_\_\_ (jump) over the fence by the time the hunters arrived.
7. After Ali \_\_\_\_\_ (perform), he went backstage and changed.
8. After James \_\_\_\_\_ (reach) the chalet, he cooked some noodles.
9. They were admitted into the concert after they \_\_\_\_\_ (display) their VIP passes.
10. The miners went home after they \_\_\_\_\_ (switch) off the ventilator fans.

# Past perfect / Past simple



Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use Past Perfect or Past Simple tense:

- 1.- Tom ..... (give) me the book yesterday but I knew he ..... (not read) it.
- 2.- Alice came back from Australia and she said that she ..... (enjoy) a lot there.
- 3.-When I arrived home I realised that I ..... (not phone) my grandparents.
- 4.- The postman ..... (come) after I ..... (leave) the office.
- 5.-When the old lady ..... (return) to her flat, she ..... (see) that burglars ..... (break) into.
- 6.-The train ..... (leave) before Helen ..... (arrive) at the station.
- 7.-My grandmother ..... (make) some cheese sandwiches when I ..... (get) home at 5.30
- 8.-After she ..... (study) the lesson, she ..... (do) the exercises.
- 9.- Barbara ..... (forget) that she ..... (not do) any shopping for the weekend.
- 10.- Jack ..... (be) very tired because he ..... (work) until late.



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