

The Past Perfect and the Simple Past

Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs in parentheses. Use the past perfect or the simple past.

1. The teacher praised the children because they _____ so well on the test. (do)
2. The cat looked as though it _____ in a while. (not, eat)
3. After Maria _____ her hair cut, she couldn't stop looking in the mirror. (get)
4. The baker _____ four chocolate cakes before producing one that finally met his high standards. (make)
5. When I finally saw it, the movie _____ out for several weeks already. (be)
6. Jack's clothes looked as though he _____ in them. (sleep)
7. Gary _____ all his homework before he turned on the TV. (do)
8. When we _____ to their house, the party had already begun. (get)
9. Donna felt bad because she _____ their anniversary, but Ted had bought her flowers. (not, remember)
10. I finally went to the dentist about that tooth after I _____ doing something about it for weeks. (put off)
11. I was upset because when I got to the airport, my flight _____. (leave)
12. Jack and Pam dated for four years before they _____ engaged. (become)

Underline the correct words to complete the paragraph.

Advertising is all around us, and I know it **affect / has affected** some of my purchases. I remember clearly how much it **influenced / has influenced** me when I was a child, when I used to beg my mother for certain toys or brands of cereal. However, I **become / have become** more aware of advertising in the past few years, first as a high school student and now in college. I **believe / believed** that the more we learn about advertising, the more we can be in control of our buying decisions.

In high school, I **took / had taken** a course called "The Savvy Consumer" and learned about credit cards, making a budget, and so on. We also **studied / have studied** how advertisers target people in my age group. I have / had never really thought about that before.

Since taking that course, I **been / have been** looking at ads differently. I **been getting / have gotten** into the habit of asking myself who is responsible for an ad and what the ad is and is not saying. I **had / have** not become immune to ads. However, I **had learned / have learned** not to let advertising play a big role in my decisions about what to buy.