

## PAST SIMPLE OR PAST PERFECT?

## SIMPLE PAST TENSE

We use Simple Past Tense to express action or actions started and finished at a specific time in the past.

Examples: I watched TV last night.

Henry painted the fence all day long yesterday.

## **PAST PERFECT TENSE**

We use Past Perfect Tense to express that an action or actions happened before something else happened.

Examples: I had eaten dinner before they came Tilly had seen that film before it was on TV.

A) Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets. Use Past Simple.  1. We (go) on a cruise holiday last June. It (be) really fantastic.  2. Logan (collect) all the trash in the school garden and (throw) it into the trash can.  3. Florence (eat) two sandwiches and (drink) two glasses of lemonade at lunch.  4. Mr. Edwards (drive) to the city center and (buy) a new leather bag.  5. Benjamin hadn't known the answer to the question so he (not raise) his hand up.  6. Teresa (write) a letter for her aunt	<ol> <li>B) Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets. Use Past Perfect.</li> <li>They (finish) answering the questions before the bell rang.</li> <li>When Matthew arrived at home, his wife (cook) the meal.</li> <li>Mrs. Lawrence (open) the window before she went to bed.</li> <li>Before Darcy entered this competition she ( practice) for two months.</li> <li>Dexter (not see) a skeleton before he visited the museum with his friends.</li> <li>When the earthquake happened, we (not finish) our work at the office.</li> <li>Simon (take) a shower before the guests arrived for the party.</li> <li>The thief (jump) out of the</li> </ol>
in Whales and (put) it in an	window by the time a opened the door.
envelope yesterday afternoon. 7. James (get up) early ,	<ol> <li>I (not watch) a horror film before we went to the movies last Wednesday.</li> </ol>
(wash) his face and (brush) his	10. Mrs.Reid (work) for the company
teeth.	for 30 years when she retired last year.
<ol> <li>C) Past Simple or Past Perfect? Read the sentences carefully and circle the correct options.</li> <li>The robbers left / had left the bank when the policemen finally arrived / had arrived.</li> <li>When the rain started / had started , the Atkinsons finished / had finished planting trees.</li> <li>By the time Rebecca went / had gone into the store , she got / had gotten soaked.</li> <li>Darcey saw / had seen this castle before she came / had come again last Sunday.</li> <li>Mr.Palmer didn't speak / hadn't spoken any Chinese before he moved / had moved to Peking.</li> </ol>	
6. Sonny fainted/had 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.	
<ol><li>Mrs.Wilkinson refused / had refused to drive the car because she had / had had a terrible accident on the highway about a year ago.</li></ol>	
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