



PAST SIMPLE OR PAST PERFECT?

We use the **PAST SIMPLE** to talk about completed actions in the past:

*I **got up** at seven o'clock.*

We use the **PAST PERFECT** to talk about actions that happened **before** other actions in the past. We use the **PAST SIMPLE** to talk about more recent actions.

*When I **arrived** home, my parents **had already eaten**.*

1. Choose the correct alternative:

- a) When my sister **arrived/had arrived** home yesterday, my parents **went/had gone** to bed.
- b) The train **left/had already left** when I **got/had got** to the station.
- c) The film **started/had started** when David **came/had come** to the cinema.
- d) He **passed/had passed** his exams because he **worked/had worked** hard.
- e) Jane **felt/had felt** disappointed because Josh **forgot/had forgotten** her birthday.
- f) Lisa **went/had gone** out after she **chose/had chosen** a dress.
- g) She **looked/had looked** gorgeous because she **picked/had picked** her best dress.
- h) She **put on/had put on** her dress after she **ironed/had ironed** it.



2. Past simple or past perfect?

- a) When I _____ (phone) Anne, she _____ (already/leave).
- b) The kids _____ (turn off) the TV because their favourite programme _____ (finish)
- c) The plane _____ (already/land) when we _____ (arrive) to the airport
- d) When I _____ (see) Mary, her parents _____ (already/tell) her the bad news.
- e) Jane _____ (already/swim) in the swimming pool when her husband _____ (arrive) and _____ (give) her bunch of roses.
- f) When Ted _____ (give) Jane the flowers, they _____ (not/celebrate) their wedding anniversary yet.
- g) Jane _____ (drink) all the champagne before Ted _____ (come).

