Past perfect simple and continuous

Exercise 1. Complete the sentences with the words in brackets.

1. I had to have a break. I.....so long. (drive)
2. Before we parked our car we.....the ticket. (collect)
3. I arrived on Sunday. I.....at home for two days. (not be)
4. The roads were blocked in the morning. It.....all night. (snow)
5. They got to the beach after they.....for hours. (walk)
6. She called the police when she.....the light in the hall. (see)
7. His English was perfect. He.....it since he started school. (study)
8. I was really hungry. I.....anything since the morning. (not eat)
9. She didn't go to work because she.....her leg. (break)
10. As soon as Betty.....the door, the burglar alarm went off. (open)

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Exercise 2. Answer the questions. Use the words in brackets.

Example:

*Why did he call you? **(because – just arrived)***

He called me because he had just arrived.

1. When did they finish the house? (after - build it for a year)

   They .....

2. Why didn't she eat anything? (because - have lunch)

   She .....

3. What did he tell her? (that - see her before)

   He .....

4. Why was he so exhausted? (because - cut the grass all day)

   He .....

5. When did they land? (when - the storm end)

   The .....

6. Why was he so dirty? (because - dig the hole in the rain)

   He .....

7. When did they accept your offer? (after - refuse it for a month)

   They .....

8. What did you forget? (that - want to buy some bread)

   I .....

9. How did she know that? (because - someone - tell her before)

   She .....

10. Why was it so hot in the kitchen? (because - Sue - bake cakes)

    It .....

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Exercise 3. Answer the questions. Use the following expressions.

try to get Jill on the phone	repair his computer all night
go to a wrong departure lounge	lose his temper
forget the map	not take a sunbath all day
take too many pills	not buy any food
not ask me	already drive for hours

1. Why did Sam have a headache? Because he
2. Why did you miss the plane? Because I
3. Why were you so sleepy in the morning? Because I
4. Why didn't you call me earlier? Because I
5. Why wasn't Liz sunburnt in the afternoon? Because she
6. Why did the teacher shout? Because he
7. Why didn't you eat anything? Because I
8. Why did you get lost? Because we
9. Why did you stop to have a rest? Because I
10. Why didn't you help him? Because he

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Exercise 4. Mark the correct sentences with a tick. If a tense is not correct, underline it and write the correct form.

Example:

Before that I had never been seeing a ghost. ***had never seen***

1. We sold our new house after we had bought a new one.
2. The road was blocked because a tree had been falling on it.
3. The street was icy in the morning as it had frozen all night.
4. I was full of energy because I had been having big lunch.
5. Had you ever slept in a tent before your holiday in Italy?
6. He'd been sleeping too long. That's why he was so morose!
7. There was no egg left. How many eggs had you been cooking?
8. I'd been calling Jane five times before she picked up the phone.
9. We had repaired the car for an hour when John appeared.
10. She had taught for 40 years by the time she retired.
11. In 2016 I had gone to France for five years.
12. I didn't give up even if I had been failing so many times.

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Exercise 5. Rewrite the sentences and keep the same meaning.

1. After finishing his drink he got up.

   After he.....his drink he got up.

2. His driving too fast caused an accident.

   He had an accident as he.....too fast.

3. Everyone sat down. The show started.

   The show started when everyone.....down.

4. It was 5 °C. Then the snow disappeared.

   The snow disappeared because it.....5°C.

5. After switching on the radio she heard the news.

   After she.....on the radio she heard the news.

6. The ship sailed for two days. It landed in Nice.

   The ship landed in Nice after it.....for two days.

7. He moved furniture. He started at 9 o'clock and finished at 3 o'clock.

   At 3 o'clock he.....furniture for 6 hours.

8. Ben made a mistake. He apologized.

   Ben apologized that he.....a mistake.

9. I read the book. I didn't want to read it again.

   I didn't want to read the book again because I.....it.

10. After swimming all day they were hungry.

    They were hungry because they.....all day.

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