

Past Simple, Past Perfect Simple & Past Perfect Continuous

Complete the sentences using the past simple or past perfect simple.

1. The 9 o'clock train(leave) when we arrived at the station.
2. She(just/ get) into the car when it started to rain.
3. James.....(turn) off his mobile phone before he went to bed.
4. We had put on our jackets before the bell.....(ring).
5. The fire had already gone out when the fire brigade(arrive)
6. By 8 p.m. everybody(go) home.
7. By Tuesday he(spend) all his pocket money.
8. I took her some dinner but she(already/eat).
9. When Barbara went in , Tom(clean) up the mess.
10. First she(wash) her hands, then she made a sandwich.

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1. By ten o'clock had written / had been writing all the invitations.
2. He had waited / had been waiting for half an hour before he found a taxi.
3. Paul and Susan had painted / had been painting the flat before they moved in.
4. Martha hadn't eaten / hadn't been eating well and she had lost a lot of weight.
5. By midnight she had worked / had been working for sixteen hours.
6. We had found / had been finding the lost boys before it became dark.
7. She had left / had been leaving her glasses at home so she couldn't read her book.
8. I had known / had been knowing Mary for ages - She was my best friend.
9. The game had finished / had been finishing when I found the answer.
10. Vicky couldn't get into her house because she had left / had been leaving her keys at the office.