

PAST PERFECT v SIMPLE PAST



Here are some sentences about filming a movie. For each question, fill in the blanks with the correct form of the past perfect or the simple past. Note: We won't use contractions in this exercise.

1. The crew _____ (inspect) the site long before they _____ (start) filming.
2. The director _____ (cast) Sonya Silva even though since she _____ (never / act) in a movie before.
3. We saw that the designers _____ (already / prepare) the costumes before the actors _____ (begin) arriving.
4. When Sonya _____ (read) her lines, it was obvious that she _____ (memorize) them thoroughly.
5. They _____ (decide) to stop filming when they saw that the sun _____ (go) down.
6. By the time they _____ (film) the second scene, most of the music score _____ (be) written.
7. The action scenes _____ (be) great since the director _____ (hire) the best stunt men.
8. The cameras _____ (not work) because the cameraman _____ (not / plug) them in.
9. They _____ (try) to keep Sonya's divorce quiet, but the press _____ (already/learn) about it.
10. Even though Sonya _____ (speak) English well, it was apparent that she _____ (not / understand) the director's instructions.
11. By the time the movie _____ (open), the reviews _____ (declare) it a smash hit.

