

Past Perfect vs. simple past

1. Number the events in the chronological order.

a. 1—is the event that happened first (may be it's not the one that is first)

b. 2- is the event that happened later.

EXAMPLE

a) I broke the window with a rock 1

b) I got grounded for a week 2

Change the first event to PAST PERFECT

I HAD BROKEN THE WINDOW WITH A ROCK

c) My mother called me many times to my cellphone

d) My brother got his arm broken in a fall

Change the first event to PAST PERFECT

e) She got a bad grade on the exam

f) She didn't want to study in our group.

Change the first event to PAST PERFECT

g) He jumped out of his window from the 2nd floor.

h) There was a fire next door.

Change the first event to PAST PERFECT

i) His car had his breaks broken

j) He hit a tree.

Change the first event to PAST PERFECT

2. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE CORRECT TENSE

A. NUMBER THE EVENTS IN 1 OR 2 (FIRST EVENT OR SECOND EVENT)

B. REWRITE THE SENTENCES TOGETHER. USE THE RULE OF CHANGING THE FIRST EVENT INTO PAST PERFECT

EXAMPLE

a) I fell asleep ____ 1 ____

b) I lost the train ____ 2 ____

After I had fallen asleep, I LOST the train.

a) I spoke to Susie at noon. ____

b) Someone told her the news earlier. ____

Complete the sentence with the correct tense (past perfect or simple past)

1. When I _____ to Susie at noon, someone had told her the news earlier.

a) The plane took off at 11 am _____

b) We arrived to the airport at 11:10 am _____

2. Before we arrived to the airport at 11:10, the plane _____ at 11 am.

a) My dog barked all night long to some raccoons _____

b) I got so tired at work. _____

3. Because my dog _____ all night long to some raccoons, I got so tired at work.

a) The shop closed. _____

b) The electric power went off. _____

4. After the electric power _____, the shop closed.

a) The robbers stole all the money _____

b) the alarm got disconnected. _____

5. By the time the alarm _____ disconnected, the robbers stole all the money.

a) Mark slept all morning. _____

b) He had a party at a club the night before. _____

6. When Mark had had a party at a club the night before, he _____ all morning.

3. SIMPLE PAST OR PAST PERFECT.

If the event happened first--- PAST PERFECT

If the event happened later--- SIMPLE PAST

EXAMPLE:

1. The pizza GOT (get) burned because I HAD GONE (go) to look for my dog.
2. After the kids TURNED (turn) the T.V. off, they DOED (do) the homework.
3. Before I WATCHED (watch) the movie, I READ (read) the book.
4. By the time I DOED (do) the house cleaning, all the guesses to the party ARRIVED (arrive)