

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

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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 new 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 _____ (turn) the T.V. off, they _____ (do) the homework.

3. Before I _____ (watch) the movie, I _____ (read) the book.

4. By the time I _____ (do) the house cleaning, all the guesses to the party _____ (arrive)