

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 _____ (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)