

# Past Perfect vs. simple past

A. Number the events in the chronological order and change the first event in PAST PERFECT

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

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 ONLY THE FIRST EVENT TO PAST PERFECT

**I HAD BROKEN THE WINDOW WITH A ROCK**

1.

a) My mother called me many times to my cellphone \_\_\_\_\_

b) My brother got his arm broken in a fall \_\_\_\_\_

CHANGE ONLY THE FIRST EVENT TO PAST PERFECT

\_\_\_\_\_

2.

c) She got a bad grade on the exam \_\_\_\_\_

d) She didn't want to study in our group. \_\_\_\_\_

CHANGE ONLY THE FIRST EVENT TO PAST PERFECT

\_\_\_\_\_

3.

e) He jumped out of his window from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. \_\_\_\_\_

f) There was a fire next door. \_\_\_\_\_

CHANGE ONLY THE FIRST EVENT TO PAST PERFECT

\_\_\_\_\_

4.

g) His car had his breaks broken \_\_\_\_\_

h) He hit a tree. \_\_\_\_\_

CHANGE ONLY THE FIRST EVENT TO PAST PERFECT

\_\_\_\_\_

B. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE CORRECT TENSE. IT COULD BE PAST PERFECT OR SIMPLE PAST.

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

2) COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE CORRECT TENSE. 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.

1.

a) I spoke to Susie at noon. \_\_\_\_\_

b) Someone told her the news earlier. \_\_\_\_\_

I spoke to Susie after someone \_\_\_\_\_ the news earlier.

2.

a) I arrived to the airport \_\_\_\_\_

b) I forgot my passport \_\_\_\_\_

By the time I arrived to the airport, I realized I \_\_\_\_\_ my passport

3.

a) Michael felt very sick \_\_\_\_\_

b) He ate 5 cakes. \_\_\_\_\_

Before Michael \_\_\_\_\_ he had eaten 5 cakes.

4.

a) Her computer broke down. \_\_\_\_\_

b) Mary typed 10 pages. \_\_\_\_\_

After Mary \_\_\_\_\_, her computer broke down.

5.

a) She called me on the phone \_\_\_\_\_

b) My mother heard the bad new on the T.V. \_\_\_\_\_

When my mother \_\_\_\_\_ the bad news on the T.V., she \_\_\_\_\_ me on the phone.

C. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES USING 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)
5. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) cloudy for days before it finally \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) to rain.

## PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

D. Complete the sentences with the appropriate form of the verbs in the parenthesis- in PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS.

EXAMPLE

John \_\_\_HAS BEEN LEARNING\_\_\_ (learn) Mandarin for years.

Why \_\_\_HAVE\_ they \_\_\_BEEN REVIEWING\_\_\_ (review) the reports so much?

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Seoul for five years.
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in the garden.
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ (study) since 7 o'clock.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) well lately?
5. When \_\_\_\_\_ my family \_\_\_\_\_ (plan) a party?