

Past Simple VS Past Perfect

PAST SIMPLE	PAST PERFECT
We use Simple Past Tense to express action or actions <u>started and finished</u> at a specific time in the past.	We use Past Perfect Tense to express that an action or actions that <u>happened before something else happened</u> .
Example: I <u>watched</u> TV last night.	Example: I <u>had eaten</u> dinner before James arrived

Complete the following sentences with the **PAST SIMPLE** or the **PAST PERFECT** of the verbs in brackets:

- 1 – The robbers _____ (leave) the bank when the policemen finally _____ (arrive).
- 2 – When the rain _____ (start), the Atkinsons _____ (finish) planting the trees.
- 3 – Mr. Palmer _____ (not speak) any Chinese before he _____ (move) to Peking.
- 4 – When my mother _____ (give) me an apple, I _____ (finish) my homework.
- 5 – Mrs. Wilkinson _____ (refuse) to drive the car because she _____ (have) a terrible accident on the highway about a year ago.
- 6 – My uncle _____ (not try) Italian food before he _____ (go) to that restaurant.
- 7 – They _____ (finish) answering the questions before the bell _____ (ring).
- 8 – When Matthew _____ (arrive) home, his wife _____ (cook) the meal.
- 9 – Mrs. Lawrence _____ (open) the window before she _____ (go) to bed.
- 10 – Before Darcy _____ (enter) this competition she _____ (practise) for two months.
- 11 – Dexter _____ (not see) a skeleton before he _____ (visit) the museum with his friends.
- 12 – When the earthquake _____ (happen), we _____ (not finish) our work at the office.
- 13 – Simon _____ (take) a shower before the guests _____ (arrive) for the party.
- 14 – The thief _____ (jump) out of the window by the time I _____ (open) the door.
- 15 – I _____ (not watch) a horror film before we _____ (go) to the cinema last Wednesday.
- 16 – Mrs. Reid _____ (work) for the company for 30 years when she _____ (get) retired last year.

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