



## 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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