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Past Simple tense & Past Perfect tense

Exercises

Part 1

Instructions: Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb.

1. They _____ (GO) home after they _____ (FINISH) their homework.
2. She _____ (JUST GO) out when I called at her house.
3. The sun had set before I _____ (BE) ready to go.
4. After he _____ (FINISH) his meal, he _____ (order) dessert.
5. He _____ (LEARN) English before he left for England.
6. When my husband came home I _____ (ALREADY BE) in bed for hours.
7. They _____ (ALREADY LEAVE) the village before the sun _____ (rise).
8. After I _____ (HEAR) the news, I _____ (HURRY) to see him.
9. He thanked me for what I _____ (DO).
10. They drank small cups of tea after they _____ (FINISH) dinner.
11. By the time she _____ (wake up), her friends had already left.
12. When I _____ (GET) there everyone _____ (ALREADY GO).
13. When I saw him last he _____ (BE) married for 6 years.
14. We heard that a fire _____ (BREAK OUT) in the neighboring house.
15. After he _____ (READ) the letter he _____ (BURN) it.
16. He wanted to go to London because he _____ (NEVER BE) there before.
17. When Queen Victoria _____ (DIE) in 1901 she _____ (REIGN) for over 60 years.
18. She told me that she _____ (NEVER GO) to Canada.
19. The results were better than I _____ (EXPECT).
20. After the storm _____ (pass), the sun _____ (shine) brightly in the sky.

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Instructions: Read the following text. Then fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs and expressions.

When I _____ (arrive) at the party, most of the guests _____ (already leave). The music _____ (stop), and the atmosphere _____ (be) quieter than earlier in the evening. People _____ (dance) for hours _____ I got there. Then, I _____ (go) to home _____ I had left the party.

Part 3

Instructions: Rewrite the sentences using both Past Simple and Past Perfect tenses in the same sentence.

For example:

I left the office. The meeting started.

Rewrite: I left the office after the meeting had started.

1. He read the book. He went to bed.

Rewrite: _____.

2. The rain stopped. They went outside.

Rewrite: _____.

3. She woke up. Her friends left.

Rewrite: _____.

4. He received the email. He replied to it.

Rewrite: _____.