



Past Perfect and Past Simple

Choose the past perfect or the past simple.

1. We had already eaten when John _____
(come) home.
2. Last year Juan _____ (pass) all his exams.
3. When I _____ (get) to the airport, I
discovered I had forgotten my passport.
4. I went to the library, then I _____ (buy) some milk
and went home.
5. I opened my handbag to find that I _____
(forgot) my credit card.
6. When we _____ (arrive) at the station, the train
had already left.
7. We got home to find that someone _____
(break) into the house.
8. I opened the fridge to find someone
_____ (eat) all my chocolate.
9. I had known my husband for three years when we
_____ (get) married.
10. Julie was very pleased to see that John
_____ (clean) the kitchen.
11. It _____ (not / rain) all summer, so the grass was
completely dead.
12. When he _____ (arrive) at the party, Julie had
just left.
13. After arriving home, I realised I _____
(not / buy) any milk.
14. The laundry was wet. It _____ (rain) while I was
out.
15. William felt ill last night because he
_____ (eat) too many cakes.
16. Keiko _____ (meet) William last
September.



17. First, I tidied the flat, then I _____ (sit) down and had a cup of coffee.
18. John _____ (play) the piano when he was a child, but he doesn't play now.
19. When I opened the curtains, the sun was shining but the ground was white. It _____ (snow) during the night.
20. When Julie got home from her holiday, her flat was a mess. John _____ (have) a party.