

# PAST TENSES

1. In this exercise, you'll need to read the sentences provided and identify the form of the past tense used in each one.

1. The train departed at 9:00 A.M.
2. John drank coffee before heading to work.
3. Mary was reading a book.
4. The kids were playing in the park.
5. He had finished his homework before his parents arrived home.
6. I had met Sam three years ago.
7. I was getting anxious about the meeting.
8. The baby had been crying all night.
9. They had written the report before the deadline.
10. She graduated from university last year.

2. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the past tense.

1. By the time we arrived, she \_\_\_\_\_ for us at the train station for three hours.

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| a) waited      | b) had waited       |
| c) was waiting | d) had been waiting |

2. We \_\_\_\_\_ a video game when our friends came.

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| a) played     | b) were playing     |
| c) had played | d) had been playing |

3. After I \_\_\_\_\_ my lunch, I went back to the office.

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| a) ate       | b) was eating      |
| c) had eaten | d) had been eating |

4. Matthew \_\_\_\_\_ home late at night when the accident happened.

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| a) drove      | b) was driving      |
| c) had driven | d) had been driving |



4. While Ryan \_\_\_\_\_, Daisy \_\_\_\_\_ a cake.  
(sleep / make)

5. I \_\_\_\_\_ working in the garden before you \_\_\_\_\_. (finish / call)

6. They \_\_\_\_\_ to fix the car for several hours before they finally \_\_\_\_\_ what was the problem. (try / understand)

7. My dad \_\_\_\_\_ in that house forty years ago. (live)

8. By 3 pm, she \_\_\_\_\_ everything for the meeting. (prepare)

9. I \_\_\_\_\_ for five hours before I \_\_\_\_\_ my destination. (drive / reach)

10. They \_\_\_\_\_ before you \_\_\_\_\_. (go out / call)

#### 4. Fill in the where necessary.

1 ..... Cairo is ..... capital of ..... Egypt.

2 ..... Great Britain is situated on ..... two large islands.

3 ..... London stands on ..... Thames.

4 I had ..... my holiday in ..... northern Italy ..... last year but I'm going to cross ..... Atlantic ocean and visit ..... USA ..... next year.

5 ..... Moon moves round ..... Earth.

6 ..... Great Patriotic war started in 1941.

7..... Volga is ..... longest river in ..... Russia.

8 ..... Ukraine and ..... Turkey are separated by ..... Black sea.

9 My friend usually goes to ..... Alps in ..... spring by ..... plane.

10..... Urals are lower than ..... Caucasus.