# PAST SIMPLE or PAST PERFECT?

## SIMPLE PAST TENSE

We use Simple Past Tense to express action or actions started and finished at a specific time in the past.

**Examples** : I watched TV last night.

Henry painted the fence all day long yesterday.

## PAST PERFECT TENSE

We use Past Perfect Tense to express that an action or actions happened before something else happened.

**Examples** :I had eaten dinner before they came

Tilly had seen that film before it was on TV.

**A.** Read the sentences carefully and choose the correct options:

1. After he recovered / had recovered, Daniel practiced / had practiced basketball again .

2. When the police answered / had answered the phone, the robbers escaped / had escaped.

3. After Luisa tried / had tried on 5 sweaters, she finally picked / had picked the red one.

4. After he finished / had finished lunch, Peter asked / had asked for the dessert.

5. When Peter had / had had  the accident, he walked / had walked just 500 metres.

**B.** Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets ( ). Use **Past Simple** or **Past Perfect**.

**Example:**
After they ⎡ had finished ⎤ (finish) their homework, they ⎡ played ⎤ (play) PC games.

1. Jack _____ (decide) to have a rest after he _____ (painted) the hall and the kitchen.

2. I _____ (study) for the exam before I _____ (realize) it was cancelled.

3. She _____ (pack) her stuff before she _____ (catch) the train.

4. I _____ (finish) my homework before my mom _____ (return).

5. Julie _____ (enter) the house when it _____ (start) to rain.

6. I _____ (work) as a teacher for 3 years after I _____ (graduate) from school.

7. They _____ (live) in Bogota for 2 years before they _____ (move) to London.

8. After Tania _____ (learn) to swim, she _____ (enter) the competition.

9. When the boys _____ (arrive) at the cinema, the film _____(start).

10. Alan _____ (watch)TV after he _____ (have) lunch.