

Grammar training

Past Perfect Simple or Continuous?



Choose the correct option.

1. By the time I arrived, my friends _____ (already/start) making gingerbread cookies.
2. Jack and Lisa _____ (prepare) for their road trip all week before they finally left.
3. The shop _____ (already/sell) more than 1,000 Christmas decorations before autumn ended.
4. They _____ (discuss) the project details for hours when the power went out.
5. By the time John called back, I _____ (leave) the office and couldn't answer.
6. She was exhausted because she _____ (clean) the house all afternoon.
7. Before we reached the beach, the sun _____ (already/set).
8. The children were disappointed because they _____ (not/find) the treasure.
9. I _____ (read) 10 pages of her favorite book when she walked into the room.
10. Sarah was thrilled because her friends _____ (plan) a surprise for her.
11. After Tom _____ (complete) the marathon, he treated himself to a big meal.
12. We _____ (stand) in line for so long that our feet started to hurt.
13. Before she knew it, Ella _____ (fall asleep) on the couch after the long day.
14. They _____ (search) for the lost keys everywhere when Tom found them in his pocket.
15. By the time the storm hit, they _____ (secure) all the windows.
16. The kids _____ (draw) Christmas decorations for hours before dinner.
17. After the concert _____ (end), we all went out for ice cream to celebrate.
18. They _____ (already/wrap) the gifts before the children could peek.
19. Sarah _____ (always/want) to visit Paris, so she was thrilled to finally go.
20. Chloe was excited because she _____ (save) enough to buy a new phone.