

Past Perfect vs Past Simple – Fill in the Blanks

Instructions for Students:

Each sentence has two past actions.

Ask yourself:

? Which action happened first? → Use past perfect (had + past participle)

? Which action happened second? → Use past simple (verb in past form)

Complete the sentences with the correct verb tense (past simple or past perfect).

1. By the time we _____ (get) to the station, the train _____ (leave).
2. She _____ (already / finish) dinner when I _____ (call) her.
3. I _____ (not want) to watch the movie again because I _____ (see) it before.
4. They _____ (never / meet) before the party.
5. After he _____ (lock) the door, he _____ (realize) he forgot his keys inside.
6. I _____ (just / sit) down when the phone _____ (ring).
7. She _____ (study) French before she _____ (move) to Paris.
8. He _____ (be) upset because they _____ (forget) his birthday.
9. We _____ (live) in that house for ten years before we _____ (move).
10. She _____ (not understand) the movie because she _____ (not read) the book.