

Narrative Tenses

Change the verbs to past perfect or simple past.

1. First: Diego ate dinner. Then: Pablo came over.

Diego (eat) _____ dinner already by the time Pablo (come) _____ over.

2. First: I finished my homework. Then: I went to bed.

I (go) _____ to bed after I (finish) _____ my homework.

3. First: Sam washed the dishes. Then: Sam turned on the TV.

Sam (turn) _____ on the TV after he (wash) _____ the dishes.

4. First: Frank threw the football. Then: Frank fell down.

Frank (fall) _____ down after he (throw) _____ the football.

5. First: I bought an airplane ticket. Then: Sara found a really good price.

After I (buy) _____ an airplane ticket already, Sara (find) _____ a really good price.

6. Last night I started to make dinner at 5:30, and finished at 5:50. At 6:00, my husband came home.

By the time my husband (come) _____ home, I (make) _____ dinner already.

7. Yesterday Maria fed the cat and then she went to work.

Maria (go) _____ to work after she (feed) _____ the cat.

8. Peter was late. By the time he (get) _____ to the theater, the movie (start) _____ already.

9. The teacher (give) _____ an exam by the time Jorge _____ (arrive) at school.

10. We (play) _____ cards for several hours after the children (go) _____ to bed.

Read the story and choose the correct form of the verb

First Time Buyers

Last year, my wife and I _____ our first house. We _____ together for 5 years before

we bought our house, so we _____ how to live together. I'll never forget the first house we

_____ at. It _____ a small house in the suburbs with small windows. While we

_____ around the house, I _____ how dark and depressing it _____.

I _____ in a house with a lot of light and big windows, so I instantly _____ it. We

_____ a few more houses after that which were all quite nice. We _____ up buying

the second house that we _____. We _____ it twice before we _____ it, just to

be sure. I _____ of this day for a long time. Now, we have moved in. I'm really happy.