We also use the Past Perfect tense in Indirect or Reported Speech.

Exercise I PAST PERFECT TENSE

Fill in the blanks with the Past Perfect tense of the verbs in the brackets.

e.g. I _____ (eat) my dinner when the show started.
I ***had eaten*** my dinner when the show started.

1. He _____ (reach) school by the time she woke up.
2. The bus driver _____ (close) the door before we could board the bus.
3. When we reached home, Mum _____ (cook) dinner.
4. By the time the artist _____ (complete) his painting, it was already sunset.
5. When she _____ (finish) her bath, they _____ already _____ (complete) the puzzle.
6. The dog _____ (jump) over the fence by the time the hunters arrived.
7. After Ali _____ (perform), he went backstage and changed.
8. After James _____ (reach) the chalet, he cooked some noodles.
9. They were admitted into the concert after they _____ (display) their VIP passes.
10. The miners went home after they _____ (switch) off the ventilator fans.

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Past perfect /Past simple

Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use Past Perfect or Past Simple tense:

1.- Tom ..... (give) me the book yesterday but I knew he ..... (not read) it.

2.- Alice came back from Australia and she said that she ..... (enjoy) a lot there.

3.-When I arrived home I realised that I ..... (not phone) my grandparents.

4.- The postman ..... (come) after I ..... (leave) the office.

5.-When the old lady ..... (return) to her flat, she ..... (see) that burglars ..... (break) into.

6.-The train ..... (leave) before Helen ..... (arrive) at the station.

7.-My grandmother ..... (make) some cheese sandwiches when I ..... (get) home at 5.30

8.-After she ..... (study) the lesson, she ..... (do) the exercises.

9.- Barbara ..... (forget) that she ..... (not do) any shopping for the weekend.

10.- Jack ..... (be) very tired because he ..... (work) until late.

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