

## The Past Perfect and the Simple Past

**Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs in parentheses. Use the past perfect or the simple past.**

1. The teacher praised the children because they \_\_\_\_\_ so well on the test. (do)
2. The cat looked as though it \_\_\_\_\_ in a while. (not, eat)
3. After Maria \_\_\_\_\_ her hair cut, she couldn't stop looking in the mirror. (get)
4. The baker \_\_\_\_\_ four chocolate cakes before producing one that finally met his high standards. (make)
5. When I finally saw it, the movie \_\_\_\_\_ out for several weeks already. (be)
6. Jack's clothes looked as though he \_\_\_\_\_ in them. (sleep)
7. Gary \_\_\_\_\_ all his homework before he turned on the TV. (do)
8. When we \_\_\_\_\_ to their house, the party had already begun. (get)
9. Donna felt bad because she \_\_\_\_\_ their anniversary, but Ted had bought her flowers. (not, remember)
10. I finally went to the dentist about that tooth after I \_\_\_\_\_ doing something about it for weeks. (put off)
11. I was upset because when I got to the airport, my flight \_\_\_\_\_. (leave)
12. Jack and Pam dated for four years before they \_\_\_\_\_ engaged. (become)

**Underline the correct words to complete the paragraph.**

Advertising is all around us, and I know it **affect / has affected** some of my purchases. I remember clearly how much it **influenced / has influenced** me when I was a child, when I used to beg my mother for certain toys or brands of cereal. However, I **become / have become** more aware of advertising in the past few years, first as a high school student and now in college. I **believe / believed** that the more we learn about advertising, the more we can be in control of our buying decisions.

In high school, I **took / had taken** a course called "The Savvy Consumer" and learned about credit cards, making a budget, and so on. We also **studied / have studied** how advertisers target people in my age group. I have / had never really thought about that before.

Since taking that course, I **been / have been** looking at ads differently. I **been getting / have gotten** into the habit of asking myself who is responsible for an ad and what the ad is and is not saying. I **had / have** not become immune to ads. However, I **had learned / have learned** not to let advertising play a big role in my decisions about what to buy.