

Past Simple or Past Perfect

Ex. 1 Choose the correct form of the verb. Decide which tense to use Past Simple or Past Perfect.

1. After we **discussed/ had discussed** it on the phone, I **wrote/ had written** him an email about it.
2. Before we **took/ had taken** Bob to the theatre, he **never saw/ had never seen** a stage play before.
3. By the time we **arrived/ had arrived**, the football match **finished / had finished**.
4. He **promised / had promised** to do the job in an hour, but he still **did not finish / had not finished** by 7 o'clock.
5. I **just cleaned/ had just cleaned** the carpet when the dog **came/ had come** in and shook himself.
6. By the time I **arrived/ had arrived**, the concert **finished/ had finished**.
7. I **rang/ had rung** the shop as soon as I **checked/ had checked** the contents of the box.
8. They **locked / had locked** the door before I **got/ had got** there.
9. We **had / had had** a good rest when our guests all **left/ had left**.
10. When she **rang / had rung** the office this morning, Tom **already went / had already gone** out.

Ex. 2 Fill in Past Simple or Past Perfect.

1. After they **(see)** the Tower, they **(go)** to Westminster Abbey.
2. He **(ask)** me which animals I **(see)** in Africa.
3. After Columbus **(discover)** America, he **(return)** to Spain.
4. Before they **(move)** to Liverpool, they **(sell)** everything.
5. After he **(work)** very hard, he **(fall)** ill.
6. She **(open)** the box after she **(find)** the key.
7. They **(go)** to a restaurant after they **(sail)**.
8. Before they **(start)** the party, they **(invite)** some friends.
9. After she **(wash)** the curtains, she **(clean)** the windows.
10. They **(go)** for a sightseeing tour after the bus **(arrive)**.
11. Before he **(mow)** the lawn, he **(pick)** some roses.
12. After he **(finish)** school, he **(work)** for a magazine.