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 gests 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.

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