

Past Perfect vs. simple past

A. Number the events in the chronological order and change the first event in PAST PERFECT

1—is the event that happened first (may be it's not the one that is first)

2- is the event that happened later.

EXAMPLE

a) I broke the window with a rock 1

b) I got grounded for a week 2

CHANGE ONLY THE FIRST EVENT TO PAST PERFECT

I HAD BROKEN THE WINDOW WITH A ROCK

1.

a) My mother called me many times to my cellphone _____

b) My brother got his arm broken in a fall _____

CHANGE ONLY THE FIRST EVENT TO PAST PERFECT

2.

c) She got a bad grade on the exam _____

d) She didn't want to study in our group. _____

CHANGE ONLY THE FIRST EVENT TO PAST PERFECT

3.

e) He jumped out of his window from the 2nd floor. _____

f) There was a fire next door. _____

CHANGE ONLY THE FIRST EVENT TO PAST PERFECT

4.

g) His car had his breaks broken _____

h) He hit a tree. _____

CHANGE ONLY THE FIRST EVENT TO PAST PERFECT

B. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE CORRECT TENSE. IT COULD BE PAST PERFECT OR SIMPLE PAST.

1) NUMBER THE EVENTS IN 1 OR 2 (FIRST EVENT OR SECOND EVENT)

2) COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE CORRECT TENSE. USE THE RULE OF CHANGING THE FIRST EVENT INTO PAST PERFECT

EXAMPLE

a) I fell asleep ____1____

b) I lost the train ____2____

After I had fallen asleep, I LOST the train.

1.

a) I spoke to Susie at noon. _____

b) Someone told her the news earlier. _____

I spoke to Susie after someone _____ the news earlier.

2.

a) I arrived to the airport _____

b) I forgot my passport _____

By the time I arrived to the airport, I realized I _____ my passport

3.

a) Michael felt very sick _____

b) He ate 5 cakes. _____

Before Michael _____ he had eaten 5 cakes.

4.

a) Her computer broke down. _____

b) Mary typed 10 pages. _____

After Mary _____, her computer broke down.

5.

a) She called me on the phone _____

b) My mother heard the bad news on the T.V. _____

When my mother _____ the bad news on the T.V., she
_____ me on the phone.

C. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES USING SIMPLE PAST OR PAST PERFECT.

If the event happened first--- PAST PERFECT

If the event happened later----SIMPLE PAST

EXAMPLE:

1. The pizza ___GOT___ (get) burned because I ___HAD GONE___ (go) to look for my dog.
2. After the kids _____ (turn) the T.V. off, they _____ (do) the homework.
3. Before I _____ (watch) the movie, I _____ (read) the book.
4. By the time I _____ (do) the house cleaning, all the guesses to the party _____ (arrive)
5. It _____ (be) cloudy for days before it finally _____ (begin) to rain.

PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

D. Complete the sentences with the appropriate form of the verbs in the parenthesis- in PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS.

EXAMPLE

John ___HAS BEEN LEARNING___ (learn) Mandarin for years.

Why ___HAVE_ they ___BEEN REVIEWING___ (review) the reports so much?

1. She _____ (live) in Seoul for five years.
2. I _____ (work) in the garden.
3. He _____ (study) since 7 o'clock.
4. _____ she _____ (eat) well lately?
5. When _____ my family _____ (plan) a party?