

Past Perfect Tense & Past Perfect Continuous & Past Simple

A) Choose between PAST SIMPLE and PAST PERFECT TENSE to give the correct form of the verb.

Example:

1. They **went/ had gone** after they **finished/ had finished** their work
2. She **just went out/ had just went out** out when I called her.
3. My brother **ate/ had eaten** all the pie before we got back.
4. He wondered why I **did not visit/ had not visited** him before.
5. She said that she **already saw/ had already seen** the Pyramids.
6. The fire **spread/ had spread** to the next building before the firemen **arrived/ had arrived**
7. They drank small cups of coffee, after they **finished/ had finished** dinner.
8. He told me he **caught/ had caught** a young lion.
9. His mother **worried/ had worried** a lot about him before she **heard/ had heard** that he was safe.
10. He **already learnt/ had already learnt** English before he **left/ had left** for England, but before he arrived in England, he **forgot/ had forgotten** some.
11. Mary **went/ had gone** swimming after she **came/ had come** home. After she **swam/ had swum** she **called/ had called** her friend Judy.
12. I **went/ had gone** to the theatre with my friends yesterday. I **did not go/ had not gone** to the theatre for a year. We **had/ had had** a very good time.
13. After they **finished/ had finished** (finish) their breakfast, they **left/ had left** for school.
14. Linda **played/ had played** tennis after she **did/ had done** her homework.
15. My father **watered/ had watered** the flowers after he **cleaned/ had cleaned** the car. After he **watered/ had watered** the flowers, he **had/ had had** dinner.

B) Combine the following sentences by using AFTER / BEFORE (choose only one):

Example:

1. My mother took her umbrella. She went out. *After my mother took her umbrella, she went out.*

or Before my mother went out, she took her umbrella.

2. Frank called me. I went to school.

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3. I washed the dishes. I watched TV.

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4. She washed her hands. She had lunch.

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5. The boys bought a ball. They played football.

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6. My mother made a cake. The guests came.

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7. He put sugar in his tea. He drank it.

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8. I got up. I had breakfast.

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9. The children ran away. They broke the window.

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10. I fastened my seat belt. The plane took off.

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C) Fill in the following sentences by using PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE:

Example:

1. We had been playing (play) football for half an hour when it started to rain.

2. I (study) English for a short time when the electricity went off.

3. She (do) her homework before you came in.

4. His knees and hands were very dirty. He (crawl) in the garden.

5. I (drive) the car for five years when I sold it.

6. We were very tired. We (travel) for about sixteen hours.

7. They were out of breath. They (run) for a long time.

8. He (live) in London for ten years when he had an accident.

9. He was tired because he (write) letters all morning.

10. He (repair) the radio for an hour when you arrived.

D) Fill in the following sentences by using PAST PERFECT SIMPLE OR CONTINUOUS:

1. I was tired because I (type) for a long time.
2. Her boss was very angry with her because she (come) to work very late.
3. I didn't know about the earthquake because I (not / watch) television.
4. She was too fat because she (not / keep) her doctor's advice.
5. I took my car to the garage because the brakes (not / work).
6. She had to go to the dentist because she (not / clean) her teeth.
7. He got bad marks because he (not / study) hard.
8. She wasn't at home. She (go) out with her boyfriend.
9. I thought I (behave) like an idiot.
10. He (study) English very hard for the last few days.