Multiple Choice Exercise: Past Tenses

I _____ my homework by the time the show started.

A) finished

B) was finishing

C) had finished

While I _____ dinner, the phone rang.

A) cooked

B) was cooking

C) had cooked

She _____ to the grocery store yesterday.

A) went

B) was going

C) had gone

They _____ TV when it suddenly turned off.

A) watched

B) were watching

C) had watched

By the time we arrived at the cinema, the film _____.

A) started

B) was starting

C) had started

She _____ a beautiful song when I entered her room.

A) sang

B) was singing

C) had sung

He didn't know he _____ his wallet until he needed to pay.

A) lost

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B) was losing

C) had lost

I _____ to the radio all morning yesterday.

A) listened

B) was listening

C) had listened

Before she moved to London, she _____ in Paris for many years.

A) lived

B) was living

C) had lived

When the teacher entered the classroom, the students _____ quietly.

A) worked

B) were working

C) had worked

They _____ their homework by the time class started.

A) finished

B) were finishing

C) had finished

I _____ my friend when you called me.

A) visited

B) was visiting

C) had visited

We _____ a movie last night when the power went out.

A) watched

B) were watching

C) had watched

She _____ very tired because she hadn't slept well.

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A) felt

B) was feeling

C) had felt

They _____ to Spain before 2005.

A) went

B) were going

C) had gone

The children _____ in the park when it started to rain.

A) played

B) were playing

C) had played

By the time we called her, she _____ to bed.

A) went

B) was going

C) had gone

I _____ an interesting book when I decided to take a break.

A) read

B) was reading

C) had read

They _____ just _____ the car when the accident happened.

A) repair / were

B) repairing / were

C) had repaired

He _____ his keys, so he was unable to open the door.

A) forgot

B) was forgetting

C) had forgotten

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