

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

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.

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