

## **Past Simple vs. Past Perfect**

**2. Complete the sentences with either the *past simple* or *past perfect* of the verbs in brackets.**

a) **When** I \_\_\_\_\_ (come) home my mother \_\_\_\_\_ (already/ cook) dinner.

b) **By the time** she \_\_\_\_\_ (get) to the cinema her boyfriend \_\_\_\_\_ (already/ buy) the tickets.

c) She \_\_\_\_\_ (already/ study) German **before** she \_\_\_\_\_ (move) to Berlin.

d) **When** they \_\_\_\_\_ (enter) the room the concert \_\_\_\_\_ (already / begin)

e) My son only \_\_\_\_\_ (play) computer games **after** he \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) studying.

f) I \_\_\_\_\_ (send) a message to my friends **before** I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) them.

g) They \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) much fun **by the time** Lauren \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive).

h) He \_\_\_\_\_ (call) her four times **before** she \_\_\_\_\_ (answer) the phone.

i) Jason \_\_\_\_\_ (find) a new job **when** he \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to London.

j) **After** we \_\_\_\_\_ (pay) we \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the restaurant.

k) She \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) the handbag, her mother \_\_\_\_\_ (give) her for her birthday.

l) Julia \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the doctor **because** she \_\_\_\_\_ (not eat) well for five days.

m) When he \_\_\_\_\_ (reach) the station, the train \_\_\_\_\_ (already / leave).

n) **When** the plane \_\_\_\_\_ (land) they \_\_\_\_\_ (already/ arrive) to the airport.

o) 1. The travel agent \_\_\_\_\_ (offer) better and cheaper destinations **after** we \_\_\_\_\_ (book) our summer holiday. What a pity!

p) 2. **When** the ambulance \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive), the injured man \_\_\_\_\_ (die).

q) 3. His wife \_\_\_\_\_ (take) him to hospital **since** he \_\_\_\_\_ (cut) his finger preparing lunch.



r) 6. We \_\_\_\_\_ (have) to wait for hours at the station **because** the accident  
\_\_\_\_\_ (damage) the line.

s) I finally \_\_\_\_\_ (see) Sue. We \_\_\_\_\_ (arrange) to meet at the  
Central café before going to the cinema.