

Past Perfect and Past Simple

Name: _____

1. Choose the correct tense.

- 1 After five minutes, I realised I **saw / had seen** the film before.
- 2 I **never understood / had never understood** Physics but now I did!
- 3 By the time he **was / had been** 20, he had travelled around the world.
- 4 She was in hospital because she **had / had had** an accident.
- 5 We had almost finished writing when the bell **rang / had rung**.
- 6 I got there late, so they **ate / had eaten** all the sandwiches.
- 7 **Had you been / Were you** there before, or was it your first time?
- 8 When the boys **arrived / had arrived**, the party had started.

2. Match to make sentences.

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| 1 When we had written our stories | a she had changed completely. |
| 2 I couldn't sleep for a week | b but the tricks were fantastic. |
| 3 By the time I reached the shop | c after I had seen that film. |
| 4 The next time I saw her, | d by the time the police arrived. |
| 5 The man had run away | e we gave them to the teacher. |
| 6 I had never believed in magic, | f I had forgotten what I wanted. |

3. Complete with the **past simple** or **past perfect** simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 When they got married, Bill _____ Mary for ten years. (know)
- 2 By the time I got back to the shop, it _____. (close)
- 3 We _____ as excited as we were that day. (never / be)
- 4 My dog _____ three holes in the garden before it found the bone! (dig)

- 5 They _____ the film when the actor died. (just / finish)
- 6 The children _____ the story many times before, but they always enjoyed it. (hear)
- 7 We had a test on all the words we _____ in our notebooks. (write)
- 8 I was really hungry but luckily my parents _____ lots of food that morning. (buy)

5. Choose the action that *happened first*.

- 1 I **had watered** the flowers so I **went** back in the house.
- 2 When I **got** to school that day, it **had been painted!**
- 3 Timmy **couldn't go** home until the doctor **had seen** him.
- 4 Steve **won** the competition because he **had taken** the best photograph.
- 5 We **bought** some cream because George **had been** in the sun too long.
- 6 They **had forgotten** to bring the tent so they **looked** for a hotel.