PAST SIMPLE VS PAST PERFECT exercises

*Make the **past simple,** positive, negative or question*

1) I ….....(not/drink) any beer last night.

2) She ..... (get on) the bus in the centre of the city.

3) What time ..... (he/get up) yesterday?

4) Where ..... (you/get off) the train?

5) I ..... (not/change) trains at Victoria.

6) We ..... (wake up) very late.

7) What ..... (he/give) his mother for Christmas?

8) I ..... (receive) £300 when my uncle died.

9) We ..... (not/use) the computer last night.

10) ..... (she/make) good coffee?

11) They ..... (live) in Paris.

12) She ..... (read) the newspaper yesterday.

13) I ..... (not/watch) TV.

14) He ..... (not/study) for the exam.

15)..... (he/call) you?

16) ..... (I/forget) something?

17) What time ..... (the film/start)?

18) He ..... (have) a shower.

19) Why ..... (you/come)?

20)..... (he/go) to the party?

*Make **the past perfect simple***

1) When I arrived at the cinema, the film ..... (start).

2) ..... (she / live) in China before she went to Thailand?

3) After they..... (eat) the shellfish, they began to feel sick.

4) If you ..... (listen) to me, you would have got the job.

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5) Julie didn't arrive until after I ..... (leave).

6) When we ..... (finish) dinner, we went out.

7) The garden was dead because it..... (be) dry all summer.

8) Where ..... (he meet) her somewhere before?

9) We were late for the plane because we ..... (forget) our passports.

10) She told me she..... (study) a lot before the exam.

11) The grass was yellow because it (not/rain) all summer.

12) The lights went off because we ..... (not/pay) the electricity bill.

13) The children..... (not/do) their homework, so they were in trouble.

14) They ..... (not/eat) so we went to a restaurant.

15) We couldn't go into the concert because we ..... (not/bring) our tickets.

16) She said that she ..... (not/visit) the UK before.

17) Julie and Anne ..... (not/meet) before the party.

18) I..... (not/have) breakfast when he arrived.

19) He..... (not/use) email before, so I showed him how to use it.

20) You ..... (not/study) for the test, so you were very nervous.

*Put the verbs in brackets into the gaps in the correct tense – **Past Perfect** or **Simple Past**.*

1. After Fred …..... ***(spend)*** his holiday in Italy he …..... ***(want)*** to learn Italian.
2. Jill …..... ***(phone)*** Dad at work before she …..... ***(leave)*** for her trip.
3. Susan …..... ***(turn on)*** the radio after she …..... ***(wash)*** the dishes.
4. When she …..... ***(arrive)*** the match …..... (already ***start)***.
5. After the man …..... ***(come)*** home he …..... ***(feed)*** the cat.
6. Before he …..... ***(sing)*** a song he …..... ***(play)*** the guitar.
7. She …..... ***(watch)*** a video after the children …..... ***(go)*** to bed.
8. After Eric …..... ***(make)*** breakfast he …..... ***(phone)*** his friend.
9. I …..... ***(be)*** very tired because I …..... ***(study)*** too much.
10. They …..... ***(ride)*** their bikes before they …..... ***(meet)*** their friends.

Fill in past simple or past perfect simple.

1. After they …..... (see) the Tower, they …..... (go) to Westminster Abbey.

2. He …..... (ask) me which animals I …..... (see) in Africa.

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3. After Columbus …..... (discover) America, he …..... (return) to Spain.

4. Before they …..... (move) to Liverpool, they …..... (sell) everything.

5. After he …..... (work) very hard, he …..... (fall) ill.

6. She …..... (open) the box after she …..... (find) the key.

7. They …..... (go) to a restaurant after they …..... (sail).

8. Before they …..... (start) the party, they …..... (invite) some friends.

9. After she …..... (wash) the curtains, she …..... (clean) the windows.

10. They …..... (go) for a sightseeing tour after the bus …..... (arrive).

11. Before he …..... (mow) the lawn, he …..... (pick) some roses.

12. After he …..... (finish) school, he …..... (work) for a magazine.

13. They …..... (drink) a cup of tea after they …..... (finish) lunch.

14. He …..... (ask) me for her telephone number before he …..... (phone) her.

15. My sister …..... (eat) all the chocolate before my parents …..... (come) home.

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