

PAST SIMPLE OR PAST PERFECT?

SIMPLE PAST TENSE

We use Simple Past Tense to express action or actions started and finished at a specific time in the past.

Examples : I watched TV last night.

Henry painted the fence all day long yesterday.

PAST PERFECT TENSE

We use Past Perfect Tense to express that an action or actions happened before something else happened.

Examples :I had eaten dinner before they came

Tilly had seen that film before it was on TV.

A) Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.Use Past Simple.

1. We _____ (go) on a cruise holiday last June.It _____ (be) really fantastic.
2. Logan _____ (collect) all the rubbish in the school garden and _____ (throw) it into the litter bin.
3. Florence _____ (eat) two sandwiches and _____ (drink) two glasses of lemonade at lunch.
4. Mr.Edwards _____ (drive) to the city center and _____ (buy) a new leather bag.
5. Benjamin hadn't known the answer to the question so he _____ (not raise) his hand up.
6. Teresa _____ (write) a letter for her aunt in Whales and _____ (put) it in an envelope yesterday afternoon.
7. James _____ (get up) early , _____ (wash) his face and _____ (brush) his teeth.

B) Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.Use Past Perfect.

1. They _____ (finish) answering the questions before the bell rang.
2. When Matthew arrived at home , his wife _____ (cook) the meal.
3. Mrs.Lawrence _____ (open) the window before she went to bed.
4. Before Darcy entered this competition she _____ (practise) for two months.
5. Dexter _____ (not see) a skeleton before he visited the museum with his friends.
6. When the earthquake happened , we _____ (not finish) our work at the office.
7. Simon _____ (take) a shower before the guests arrived for the party.
8. The thief _____ (jump) out of the window by the time a opened the door.
9. I _____ (not watch) a horror film before we went to the cinema last Wednesday.
10. Mrs.Reid _____ (work) for the company for 30 years when she got retired last year.

C) Past Simple or Past Perfect? Read the sentences carefully and circle the correct options.

1. The robbers left / had left the bank when the policemen finally arrived / had arrived.
2. When the rain started / had started , the Atkinsons finished / had finished planting trees.
3. By the time Rebecca went / had gone into the store , she got / had got soaked.
4. Darcey saw / had seen this castle before she came / had come again last Sunday.
5. Mr.Palmer didn't speak / hadn't spoken any Chinese before he moved / had moved to Peking.
6. Sonny got / had got fainted by the time the ambulance reached / had reached the hospital.
7. When my mother brought / had brought me an apple , I finished / had finished my homework.
8. Mrs.Wilkinson refused / had refused to drive the car because she had / had had a terrible accident on the highway about a year ago.
9. I didn't think / hadn't thought of having a new house before I saw / had seen that ad on TV.
10. My uncle didn't try / hadn't tried Italian food before went / had gone to that restaurant.

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