

## Past Simple vs Past Perfect Exercises

### **1. Choose Past Simple or Past Perfect tense.**

The wind blew / had blown away the leaves that we collected / had collected.

She threw / had thrown away the letter that she wrote / had written.

They showed / had shown me the pictures, they took / had taken during their holidays.

In the evening the children told / had told their daddy what they saw / had seen at the zoo.

The boy was / had been very sorry for what he did / had done.

### **2. Put the verbs into the Simple Past or Past Perfect tense.**

My friend (eat) \_\_\_\_\_ up all the biscuits we (bake) \_\_\_\_\_.

The teacher (correct) \_\_\_\_\_ the tests we (write) \_\_\_\_\_.

I (give) \_\_\_\_\_ them some of the candies I (buy) \_\_\_\_\_.

My sister (see / not) \_\_\_\_\_ the note that I (lay) \_\_\_\_\_ on the kitchen table for her.

We (want) \_\_\_\_\_ to watch a film that we (see / not) \_\_\_\_\_ before.

### **3. Choose Past Simple or Past Perfect tense.**

When Simon went / had gone out to play, he already did / had already done his homework.

Jenny came / had come home, sat / had sat down and switched / had switched on the TV.

Before that day in winter, the African boy never saw / had never seen snow in his life.

She gave / had given me the book that she read / had read.

We visited / had visited the museum that our friend told / had told us about a month before.

### **4. Put the verbs into the Simple Past or Past Perfect tense.**

1. When he (wake up) \_\_\_\_\_, his mother (already / prepare) \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast.

2. We (go) \_\_\_\_\_ to London because the Queen (invite) \_\_\_\_\_ us for tea.

3. He (hear) \_\_\_\_\_ the news, (go) \_\_\_\_\_ to the telephone and (call) \_\_\_\_\_ a friend.

4. When she (start) \_\_\_\_\_ to learn English, she (already / learn) \_\_\_\_\_ French.

5. Jane (already / type) \_\_\_\_\_ ten pages when her computer (crash) \_\_\_\_\_.

6. By the time he (arrive) \_\_\_\_\_ at the pub, they (run) \_\_\_\_\_ out of beer.

7. Before that day we (never / think) \_\_\_\_\_ of going to Japan.

8. I (know) \_\_\_\_\_ him for a long time before I (meet) \_\_\_\_\_ his family.

9. They (not / know) \_\_\_\_\_ where to meet because nobody (tell) \_\_\_\_\_ them.

10. It (be) \_\_\_\_\_ cloudy for days before it finally (begin) \_\_\_\_\_ to rain.