
Past Perfect and Past Simple

Complete the sentences using the simple form of the past or past perfect tense.

1. By the time we _____ to the stadium, the performance _____, so we missed the first two songs. **(GET, ALREADY START)**
2. When we _____ in Spain the airport management told us that they _____ our luggage. **(ARRIVE, LOSE)**
3. After I _____ a large meal, I _____ to feel sick. **(HAVE, START)**
4. The shoes were very clean because I _____ hours cleaning them. **(SPEND)**
5. It _____ his first trip to India. He _____ there several times before. **(NOT BE, BE)**
6. My neighbour told me that she _____ a new car a month before. **(BUY)**
7. Yesterday I _____ downtown to see Peter. I _____ him for months. **(GO, NOT MEET)**
8. I _____ *Matrix* for the first time yesterday. I _____ it before. **(SEE, NEVER SEE)**
9. She _____ him for very long when she _____ to get married. **(NOT KNOW, DECIDE)**
10. When he _____, the party was over. Everyone _____. **(ARRIVE, ALREADY LEAVE)**
11. I was happy after I _____ my first lesson as an instructor. **(FINISH)**
12. I visited the hospital where the ambulance _____ my mother. **(TAKE)**
13. Everyone _____ the house by the time I _____ home. **(LEAVE, COME)**
14. As soon as he _____ the old clock on the wall it _____ again **(REPAIR, BREAK)**
15. I _____ a new car because my old one _____. **(BUY, BE STEAL)**
16. The teacher asked me why I _____ my homework. **(NOT DO)**

KEY

1. By the time we **got** to the stadium, the performance **had already started**, so we missed the first two songs. (**GET, ALREADY START**)
2. When we **arrived** in Spain the airport management told us that they **had lost** our luggage. (**ARRIVE, LOSE**)
3. After I **had had** a large meal, I **started** to feel sick. (**HAVE, START**)
4. The shoes were very clean because I **had spent** hours cleaning them. (**SPEND**)
5. It **was not** his first trip to India. He **had been** there several times before. (**NOT BE, BE**)
6. My neighbour told me that she **had bought** a new car a month before. (**BUY**)
7. Yesterday I **went** downtown to see Peter. I **hadn't met** him for months. (**GO, NOT MEET**)
8. I saw *Matrix* for the first time yesterday. I **had never seen** it before. (**SEE, NEVER SEE**)
9. She **hadn't known** him for very long when she **decided** to get married. (**NOT KNOW, DECIDE**)
10. When he **arrived**, the party was over. Everyone **had already left**. (**ARRIVE, ALREADY LEAVE**)
11. I was happy after I **had finished** my first lesson as an instructor. (**FINISH**)
12. I visited the hospital where the ambulance **had taken** my mother. (**TAKE**)
13. Everyone **had left** the house by the time I **came** home. (**LEAVE, COME**)
14. As soon as he **had repaired** the old clock on the wall it **broke** again (**REPAIR, BREAK**)
15. I **bought** a new car because my old one **had been stolen** (**BUY, BE STEAL**)
16. The teacher asked me why I **had not done** my homework. (**NOT DO**)