
Past and Past Perfect Tense

Fill in the correct form of the verb in brackets: Past or Past Perfect Tense /Simple or Progressive)

1. After I _____ the letter, I _____ that I _____ the wrong address on it. **(POST, REALISE, WRITE)**
2. John asked me where I _____ the day before. **(BE)**
3. At this time yesterday, we _____ for 6 km. **(ALREADY WALK)**
4. When I _____ through the streets of Madrid, I _____ about the magnificent time I _____ there as a student. **(WALK, THINK, SPEND)**
5. It was the first time that she _____ me to dinner. **(INVITE)**
6. As soon as the maid _____ scrubbing the kitchen floor, she _____ working in the garden. **(FINISH, START)**
7. We started to worry about Jimmy because we _____ him all afternoon. **(CALL)**
8. They _____ their way out of town before the sun _____. **(ALREADY MAKE, RISE)**
9. We _____ for two hours when we finally got to our hotel. **(DRIVE)**
10. When I _____ home, I saw that the children _____. **(ARRIVE, LEAVE)**
11. While I _____ in the garden it _____ me that I _____ off the oven. **(WORK, STRIKE, NOT TURN)**
12. I _____ my best friend to the party, but he couldn't come because he _____ other plans. **(INVITE, ALREADY MAKE)**
13. I _____ out of the window because I _____ I _____ some noises. **(LOOK, THINK, HEAR)**
14. We _____ TV when we saw that a devastating earthquake _____ California. **(WATCH, HIT)**
15. The police told me that someone _____ into our neighbour's house. **(BREAK)**
16. When I finally _____ at the airport, he told me that he _____ for half an hour. **(ARRIVE, WAIT)**
17. Patricia _____ English for three years when she _____ and _____ a job. **(STUDY, QUIT, GET)**
18. We _____ to China because our flight _____ on short notice. **(NOT GO, CANCEL)**

KEY

1. After I **had posted** the letter, I **realised** that I **had written** the wrong address on it. **(POST, REALISE, WRITE)**
2. John asked me where I **had been** the day before. **(BE)**
3. At this time yesterday, we **had already been walking** for 6 km. **(ALREADY WALK)**
4. When I **was walking** through the streets of Madrid, I **thought** about the magnificent time I **had spent** there as a student. **(WALK, THINK, SPEND)**
5. It was the first time that she **had invited** me to dinner. **(INVITE)**
6. As soon as the maid **had finished** scrubbing the kitchen floor, she **started** working in the garden. **(FINISH, START)**
7. We started to worry about Jimmy because we **had been calling** him all afternoon. **(CALL)**
8. They **had already made** their way out of town before the sun **rose**. **(ALREADY MAKE, RISE)**
9. We **had been driving** for two hours when we finally got to our hotel. **(DRIVE)**
10. When I **arrived** home, I saw that the children **had already left**. **(ARRIVE, LEAVE)**
11. While I **was working** in the garden it **struck** me that I **hadn't turned** off the oven. **(WORK, STRIKE, NOT TURN)**
12. I **invited** my best friend to the party, but he couldn't come because he **had already made** other plans. **(INVITE, ALREADY MAKE)**
13. I **looked** out of the window because I **thought** I **had heard** some noises. **(LOOK, THINK, HEAR)**
14. We **were watching** TV when we saw that a devastating earthquake **had hit** California. **(WATCH, HIT)**
15. The police told me that someone **had broken** into our neighbour's house. **(BREAK)**
16. When I **finally** arrived at the airport, he told me that he **had been waiting** for half an hour. **(ARRIVE, WAIT)**
17. Patricia **had been studying** English for three years when she **quit** and **got** a job. **(STUDY, QUIT, GET)**
18. We **didn't go** to China because our flight **had been cancelled** on short notice. **(NOT GO, CANCEL)**