

Past Perfect Tense

Choose the correct verb from the list below to complete the following sentences. Put the verb in the past perfect tense (had & past participle).

make start write leave forget fly escape close give ring eat change go see

1. When I got to the house, Mary wasn't there. She _____ already _____.
2. I didn't recognize my old classmate because she _____ so much.
3. We were late for the show last night. By the time we got to the theater, the movie _____ already _____.
4. Yesterday I went on my first plane trip. I was very nervous because I _____ never _____ before.
5. I couldn't eat much dinner last night because I _____ such a big lunch.
6. I couldn't buy any groceries last night because when I got to the supermarket, it _____ already _____.
7. Last week our teacher gave back the essays we _____ the week before.
8. The house was quiet when Andrew got home. Everyone _____ to bed several hours earlier.
9. They got to school late yesterday. The bell _____ already _____.
10. Sheila couldn't come to my house last night because she _____ already _____ other plans.
11. We couldn't find the house. It was clear that he _____ us the wrong address.
12. Annie didn't want to come to the movie with us because she _____ it the week before.
13. By the time the police arrived at the bank, the robber _____ already _____.
14. I couldn't get into my apartment when I came home from work last night because I _____ to take my key.

Past Perfect Tense with “By the Time... and Already”

Make sentences with the past perfect and the words provided. Follow the example below.

Ex. I missed my plane. (airport/ plane take off)

By the time I got to the airport, the plane had already taken off.

1. I missed the show. (theater/ movie start)

2. I couldn't get my prescription. (drugstore/ close)

3. I couldn't say goodbye to my friends. (call their house/ they leave)

4. I didn't get the job. (I apply/ they hire someone else)

5. We couldn't buy the house. (we see/ someone else make an offer)

6. The house was destroyed. (the firemen arrive/ house burn down)

7. I didn't get to taste her chocolate cake. (I arrive/ her children eat whole thing)

8. I didn't see her when she was sick. (I go/ hospital/ she go home)

9. I didn't see the game. (I turn on the TV/ game finish)

Past Perfect Tense – Negative

Complete the sentences below using the past perfect in the negative and the words provided.

Ex. My house was very dirty when she came over because.... (I/ not clean/ for weeks) My house was very dirty when she came over because I hadn't cleaned it for weeks.

1. Joe had to study hard for yesterday's test because... (he/not do well/ the week before)

2. I was worried when she didn't arrive on time because... (she/ not be/ late/ before)

3. Judy didn't want to go on the school ski trip because (she/not ski/ before)

4. I didn't recognize Ellen at the party because.... (I not/see/ for years)

5. John didn't catch the bus because.... (he/not leave/ the house/ on time)

6. Andy ate a huge supper last night because... (he/not eat/ all day)

7. The farmers' fields were very dry because... (it/not rain/ for weeks)

8. Roberta's hair looked terrible last night because... (she/not comb/ all day)

Past Perfect Tense – With Already and Yet

Affirmative and Negative

Yesterday was Valentine's Day. Ana's boyfriend, Miguel, came for dinner at 5:00.

Ana's Schedule Yesterday

Time	Activity
10:00	Clean the house
12:30	Buy groceries
2:00	Bake a cake
3:00	Cook a roast
4:00	Prepare the vegetables
4:30	Set the table
5:30	Make a salad
6:00	Choose some romantic music
6:30	Make a fire
7:00	Light the candles
7:30	Serve the meal

Make sentences with the past perfect tense to tell what Ana had already done when Miguel arrived and what she hadn't done yet.

Ex. When Miguel arrived, Ana had already cleaned the house.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Past Perfect Tense

A. Match the first part of the sentence on the left with the correct ending on the right.

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| 1. Betty's plants died because.... _____ | a) she had lost her doll. |
| 2. Bob couldn't buy the new computer because....
_____ | b) she had left her purse at home. |
| 3. Sammy couldn't fall asleep last night because...
_____ | c) he had already left the office. |
| 4. The little girl was crying because... _ | d) he hadn't studied at all. |
| 5. I didn't have to buy groceries because... ____ | e) he had spent all his money. |
| 6. Kevin failed his exam because... _____ | f) she had forgotten to set the alarm. |
| 7. Monty bought a new camera because.... ____ | g) she hadn't watered them. |
| 8. Clara couldn't pay for lunch because... _____ | h) he had watched a scary movie. |
| 9. Susan slept late because... ____ | i) I had gone shopping the day before. |
| 10. I couldn't speak to the boss because... _____ | j) he had lost his old one. |

B. Complete the following sentences using the past perfect tense and the words provided.

Ex. I didn't meet Ellie for lunch because..... (she/eat/)

I didn't meet Ellie for lunch because she had already eaten.

1. My trip to New York was very exciting because..... (I/not be/ before)

2. I couldn't see the doctor because..... (he/already/ leave the office)

3. I couldn't buy the car I wanted because..... (the car dealer/ already/ sell)

4. We couldn't see the new exhibit because..... (the museum/already/close)

Put the verbs into the correct form (past perfect simple).

1. The storm destroyed the sandcastle that we (build)_____.
2. He (not / be)_____ to Cape Town before 1997.
3. When she went out to play, she (do / already) _____her homework.
4. My brother ate all of the cake that our mum (make)_____.
5. The doctor took off the plaster that he (put on)_____ six weeks before.
6. The waiter brought a drink that I (not / order)_____ .
7. I could not remember the poem we (learn)_____ the week before.
8. The children collected the chestnuts that (fall)_____ from the tree.
9. (he / pone)_____ Angie before he went to see her in London?