

Past Perfect Simple

A Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Perfect Simple.

- 1 By ten o'clock, the police *had caught* (catch) the thief.
- 2 By the time we got to the park, the concert (begin).
- 3 I didn't know that my neighbours (not move) yet.
- 4 Did she show you the pictures that she (take) last summer?
- 5 He (study) for many years before he became a doctor.
- 6 They (not plan) to visit Japan before they saw the documentary.
- 7 After we (argue) for an hour, I realised that I was wrong.
- 8 the fire (start) by the time you arrived?

B Circle the verbs in each sentence. Then write 1 for the action that happened first (Past Perfect Simple) and 2 for the action that happened second (Past Simple).

- 1 Debbie ²(found) the key that I ¹(had lost) last week.
- 2 They went home after they had spoken to him.
- 3 After he had sold his car, he bought a new one.
- 4 He saw a restaurant after he had driven 200 km.
- 5 The house was very quiet because everybody had gone to sleep.
- 6 As soon as she had saved enough money, she bought new boots.
- 7 The shop closed a month after it had opened.
- 8 She didn't remember where she had put her bag.

C Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple or the Past Perfect Simple.

- 1 Sue *was* (be) upset because she *had left* (leave) her mobile phone at home.
- 2 Andy (close) all the windows before he (leave) home.
- 3 We (fail) the test because we (not study) for it.
- 4 The plane (already / land) by the time we (get) to the airport.
- 5 They (not arrange) the chairs before the students (come) in.
- 6 you (finish) packing your suitcases by the time the taxi (arrive)?
- 7 John (not arrive) when I (call) for a taxi.
- 8 The phone (just / stop) ringing when I (walk) into the house.

Past Perfect Simple Continuous – Answers

- A**
- 1 had caught
 - 2 had begun
 - 3 hadn't moved
 - 4 had taken
 - 5 had studied
 - 6 hadn't planned
 - 7 had argued
 - 8 Had ... started

- B**
- 1 Debbie ²(found) the key that I ¹(had lost) last week.
 - 2 They ²(went) home after they ¹(had spoken) to him.
 - 3 After he ¹(had sold) his car, he ²(bought) a new one.
 - 4 He ²(saw) a restaurant after he ¹(had driven) 200 km.
 - 5 The house ²(was) very quiet because everybody ¹(had gone) to sleep.
 - 6 As soon as she ¹(had saved) enough money, she ²(bought) new boots.
 - 7 The shop ²(closed) a month after it ¹(had opened).
 - 8 She ²(didn't remember) when she ¹(had put) her bag.

- C**
- 1 was, had left
 - 2 had closed, left
 - 3 failed, hadn't studied
 - 4 had already landed, got
 - 5 hadn't arranged, came
 - 6 Had ... finished, arrived
 - 7 hadn't arrived, called
 - 8 had just stopped, walked