EXERCISES

Past Perfect

Answer key

1 Write the verb in the Past Perfect.

1 When I got to the office, everyone had gone (go) home.

2 She was nervous because she had never flown (never / fly) before.

3 We were hungry. We hadn't eaten (not / eat) since breakfast.

4 I didn't watch the movie because I had seen (see) it twice.

5 The store had closed (close) by the time we got there.

6 He called to say he had lost (lose) his wallet.

7 They had lived (live) in Texas for five years before they moved to Ohio.

8 My sister had already bought (already / buy) a present, so I didn't get one.

9 I realized I had forgotten (forget) my laptop at home.

10 The kids had fallen (fall) asleep before we got home.

2 Complete the negative sentences and questions.

1 I hadn't finished (not / finish) the report when my boss asked for it.

2 They hadn't booked (not / book) a table, so they waited an hour.

3 She hadn't heard (not / hear) the news until I told her.

4 Had you met (meet) her before the interview?

5 Had they left (leave) when you arrived?

6 Why had he quit (quit) his job before the holidays?

7 How long had you known (know) him before you got married?

3 Circle the correct form.

1 By the time the pizza arrived, we _____ asleep. fell / (had fallen) / have fallen

2 I _____ her office this morning, but she had already left.
have called / (called) / was calling

3 We missed the beginning. The game _____ already started. has / (had) / was

4 When I opened the fridge, I saw that someone _____ my lunch.
ate / has eaten / (had eaten)

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3 Circle the correct form.

5 She _____ in Paris before, so she knew the city well.
(had been) / was being / has been

6 I recognized him right away. We _____ at a conference the year before.
have met / (had met) / were meeting

7 Yesterday I _____ up at six, made coffee and went for a run.
(got) / had got / had gotten

8 The house was a mess. The kids _____ a party. (had had) / have had / were had

4 Complete the story. Use the Past Simple or the Past Perfect.

1 Last Monday I *woke up* (wake up) late.

2 My alarm didn't go off because the battery *had died* (die).

3 I *ran* (run) to the bus stop, but the bus had left.

4 When I got to work, the meeting *had already started* (already / start).

5 My boss *looked* (look) at me and smiled.

6 She said someone *had moved* (move) the meeting to Tuesday.

7 I *hadn't read* (not / read) the email the night before.

8 That evening I *bought* (buy) a new alarm clock.

5 Put the words in order to make sentences.

1 already / movie / arrived / I / had / started / when / the / .
The movie had already started when I arrived.

2 sushi / never / had / eaten / before / I / .
I had never eaten sushi before.

3 before / Mexico / Had / been / to / you / ?
Had you been to Mexico before?

4 before / left / called / I / had / she / .
She had left before I called.

5 time / got / had / everyone / By / there / eaten / I / the / .
By the time I got there everyone had eaten.

6 hadn't / slept / was / I / I / tired / because / .
I was tired because I hadn't slept.

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5 Put the words in order to make sentences.

7 I / forgot / parked / where / had / I / .

I forgot where I had parked.

6 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 When we arrived, the concert has already ended.

When we arrived, the concert had already ended.

2 She had wrote the letter before she left.

She had written the letter before she left.

3 I had never drove a truck before that day.

I had never driven a truck before that day.

4 They hadn't saw the email until Monday.

They hadn't seen the email until Monday.

5 Had you ate anything before the flight?

Had you eaten anything before the flight?

6 By the time I got home, my wife have gone to bed.

By the time I got home, my wife had gone to bed.

7 He was tired because he had work all night.

He was tired because he had worked all night.

8 We did already paid when we found a better price.

We had already paid when we found a better price.

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7 Write about something that went wrong.

WHEN I GOT THERE...

I HAD NEVER... BEFORE.

Answers will vary.