

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 – 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)

9. Amanda was exhausted yesterday because.... (she/not sleep/ well/for several days)

10. I was so happy when I got to the theater because (the movie/ not start/ yet)

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)

10. I missed my daughter's performance. (I arrive concert/ my daughter finish her song)
