

# PAST SIMPLE

VS.

# PAST PERFECT

[ Exercise 2 ]

Put the verbs in brackets into the gaps in the correct tense —  
**Past Simple** or **Past Perfect**.

**Example:**

After Kevin \_\_\_\_\_ his dinner, he \_\_\_\_\_ the washing up. (*eat / do*)

**Answer:**

After Kevin **had eaten** his dinner, he **did** the washing up.

1. Emma \_\_\_\_\_ by 10 o'clock. (*arrive*)
2. Chris \_\_\_\_\_ the letter, \_\_\_\_\_ a stamp on it and \_\_\_\_\_ . (*seal / put / post*)
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ my essay before going to the party. (*finish*)
4. She \_\_\_\_\_ a minute ago. (*call*)
5. Shakespeare \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of plays. (*write*)
6. William was sad because he \_\_\_\_\_ the test. (*fail*)
7. There was no juice left because we \_\_\_\_\_ it all. (*drink*)
8. The meeting \_\_\_\_\_ already \_\_\_\_\_ by the time we \_\_\_\_\_ . (*start / arrive*)
9. Steve Jobs \_\_\_\_\_ in 2011. (*die*)

10. When Fred \_\_\_\_\_ the house, he \_\_\_\_\_ that he \_\_\_\_\_ his wallet at home. **(leave / realize / forget)**
11. After Olivia and Ryan \_\_\_\_\_ their homework, they \_\_\_\_\_ to go for a walk. **(do / decide)**
12. The children \_\_\_\_\_ to school by bus yesterday. **(go)**
13. First we \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast then we \_\_\_\_\_ for work. **(have / leave)**
14. They \_\_\_\_\_ asleep before 10 pm. **(fall)**
15. I \_\_\_\_\_ never \_\_\_\_\_ to the opera before the last night. **(be)**

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## A N S W E R S

1. had arrived.
2. sealed / put / posted.
3. had finished.
4. called.
5. wrote.
6. had failed.
7. had drunk.
8. had / started / arrived.
9. died.
10. left / realized / had forgotten.
11. had done / decided.
12. went.
13. had / left.
14. had falled.
15. had / been.