

PAST TENSES

[Exercise 3]

Choose **Past Simple**, **Past Continuous**, **Past Perfect**,
or **Past Perfect Continuous** to fill in the gaps.

- At ten o'clock yesterday, Kevin _____ breakfast.
a) was having
b) had
- Emily put on her coat, closed the door and _____
the building.
a) left
b) had left
- We were tired because we _____ tennis for two hours.
a) had played
b) had been playing
- The party _____ by the time my neighbors arrived.
a) had already started
b) had been already starting
- Lily _____ as it was time to say goodbye.
a) was crying
b) had been crying
- They _____ the problem since the morning before they
came to the solution.
a) had discussed
b) had been discussing
- I took a shower after I _____ my training.
a) finished
b) had finished

8. Harry and James _____ their first trophy yesterday.
a) had won
b) won
9. Amelia was watching some videos while her brother _____
on the phone.
a) was talking
b) had been talking
10. They _____ the dishes by the time their mother came home.
a) had washed
b) were washing
11. Chris _____ the violin for a year before he entered
the competition.
a) had been practicing
b) was practicing
12. We _____ the lesson yesterday.
a) wasn't attending
b) didn't attend

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2. left.
3. had been playing.
4. had already started.
5. was crying.
6. had been discussing.
7. had finished.
8. won.
9. was talking.
10. had washed.
11. had been practicing.
12. didn't attend.