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Exercise 1 — True or False? (8 points)Read each statement. Write **True** or **False**.

1. The Past Perfect is used for the later of two past actions.

Answer: _____

2. "She had left when I arrived" means she left before I arrived.

Answer: _____

3. "Already" comes between had and the past participle.

Answer: _____

4. "She left when I arrived" and "she had left when I arrived" mean exactly the same thing.

Answer: _____

5. We can use the Past Perfect with "because" to give a reason.

Answer: _____

6. "Yet" in a negative Past Perfect sentence goes between had and the participle.

Answer: _____

7. "He was tired because he hadn't slept" uses the Past Perfect correctly.

Answer: _____

8. The Simple Past is used for the earlier of two past actions.

Answer: _____

Exercise 2 — Multiple Choice (8 points)

Choose the correct form. Circle your answer.

1. She was angry because she ____ for an hour.

(had been waiting / waited / has waited)

2. When the teacher arrived, the students ____ already ____ their work.

(had / finished — have / finished — did / finish)

3. He failed the test because he ____ enough.

(hadn't studied / didn't study / haven't studied)

4. I was hungry because I ____ anything since breakfast.

(hadn't eaten / didn't eat / haven't eaten)

5. After they ____ dinner, they watched a film.

(had cooked / cooked / have cooked)

6. The children were excited because they ____ never been to the zoo.

(had / have / has)

7. She cried because she ____ the news about her friend.

(had heard / heard / has heard)

8. When I got to the station, the train ____.

(had already left / already left / has already left)

Exercise 3 — Matching (8 points)

Match each sentence (1–8) to the correct description (a–h). Write the letter.

Sentences	Descriptions
1. When I got home, she had already cooked dinner. ____	A. Past Perfect for the earlier action; Simple Past for the moment of a past action.
2. He was late because he hadn't set his alarm. ____	B. Because + Past Perfect explaining the cause of a past situation.
3. I had never tried Thai food before that evening. ____	C. Past Perfect with "never" — no experience before a specific past moment.
4. She had just finished her essay when the power went out. ____	D. Past Perfect with "just" — completed a very short time before.
5. They hadn't eaten yet, so they ordered a pizza. ____	E. Negative Past Perfect with "yet" — something not done at a past moment.
6. After he had spoken to the manager, he felt better. ____	F. Past Perfect with "after" — the first completed action in a sequence.
7. She was relieved because she had passed all her exams. ____	G. Because + Past Perfect expressing a positive reason.
8. When we arrived, they had already sold the last tickets. ____	H. Past Perfect with "already" — happened before expected.

Exercise 4 — Gap Fill (8 points)

Choose the correct form from the brackets.

1. She was nervous because she ____ never given a speech before.

(had / has / have)

2. When I arrived at the café, my friend ____ already ordered.

(had / has / have)

3. He was angry because he ____ his wallet.

(had lost / lost / has lost)

4. I ____ eaten yet, so I was very hungry.

(hadn't / haven't / didn't)

5. After they ____ the match, they went out to celebrate.

(had won / won / have won)

6. She felt better because she ____ to the doctor.

(had been / was / has been)

7. When we got to the cinema, the film ____ already started.

(had / has / have)

8. He failed the interview because he ____ prepared.

(hadn't / haven't / didn't)

Exercise 5 — Word Order (8 points)

Put the words in the correct order to make a sentence.

1. arrived / already / When / she / had / left / I

2. slept / hadn't / He / because / tired / was / he

3. tried / never / She / before / had / sushi

4. eaten / After / they / home / had / went / they

5. finished / hadn't / yet / I / she / when / called

6. passed / happy / He / because / he / was / had

7. started / arrived / When / film / the / we / had

8. left / just / She / I / had / there / when / got

Exercise 6 — Word Sort (8 points)

Write each sentence in the correct column of the table below.

Word bank: She had already finished by noon. | They had never visited Rome before. | She had never been there before that day. | He arrived at the station. | We caught the last bus. | They bought the tickets online. | She was upset because she hadn't heard the news. | He was happy because he had passed the test. | I was hungry because I hadn't eaten anything. | I have finished before she called. | He had ate all the food before we arrived. | She have left before I arrived.

Past Perfect (earlier action)	Simple Past (later action)	Both tenses cause & effect	Incorrect sentence
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Exercise 7 — Complete the Conversation (8 points)

Choose the correct form from the brackets.

A: I ____ well the night before.

(hadn't slept / didn't sleep / haven't slept)

B: I was hungry too because I ____ since lunchtime.

(hadn't eaten / didn't eat / haven't eaten)

A: It ____ when I arrived.

(had already started / already started / has already started)

B: I ____ him I was going to be late.

(hadn't told / didn't tell / haven't told)

A: I ____ really well, so it was fine.

(had prepared / prepared / have prepared)

B: I was relieved because I ____ so much the night before.

(had practised / practised / have practised)

Past Perfect — ANSWER KEY

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TEACHER ANSWER KEY — Do not distribute to students

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✓ False
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✓ False

Exercise 2 — Multiple Choice

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2. When the teacher arrived, the students ____ already ____ their work.
✓ had / finished
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✓ hadn't studied
4. I was hungry because I ____ anything since breakfast.
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5. After they ____ dinner, they watched a film.
✓ had cooked
6. The children were excited because they ____ never been to the zoo.

✓ had

7. She cried because she ____ the news about her friend.

✓ had heard

8. When I got to the station, the train ____.

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✓ hadn't

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✓ had won

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✓ had been

7. When we got to the cinema, the film ____ already started.

✓ had

8. He failed the interview because he ____ prepared.

✓ hadn't

Exercise 5 — Word Order

1. ✓ When I arrived she had already left

2. ✓ He was tired because he hadn't slept

3. ✓ She had never tried sushi before

4. ✓ After they had eaten they went home

5. ✓ I hadn't finished yet when she called

6. ✓ He was happy because he had passed

7. ✓ When we arrived the film had started

8. ✓ She had just left when I got there

Exercise 6 — Word Sort

Past Perfect (earlier action):

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✓ They had never visited Rome before.

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Simple Past (later action):

✓ He arrived at the station.

✓ We caught the last bus.

✓ They bought the tickets online.

Both tenses cause & effect:

✓ She was upset because she hadn't heard the news.

✓ He was happy because he had passed the test.

✓ I was hungry because I hadn't eaten anything.

Incorrect sentence:

✓ I have finished before she called.

✓ He had ate all the food before we arrived.

✓ She have left before I arrived.

Exercise 7 — Complete the Conversation

1. A: I ____ well the night before.

✓ hadn't slept

2. B: I was hungry too because I ____ since lunchtime.

✓ hadn't eaten

3. A: It ____ when I arrived.

✓ had already started

4. B: I ____ him I was going to be late.

✓ hadn't told

5. A: I ____ really well, so it was fine.

✓ had prepared

6. B: I was relieved because I ____ so much the night before.

✓ had practised