Past Perfect exercises with answers

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Choose the right option

I went to see Anna, but she wasn't at home. She _____ to work.

a) has gone b) had went c) had gone

2. Choose the right option

_____ you been to London before your trip last year?

a) Did b) Have c) Had

3. Choose the right option

I was late for my English class. When I got there, the lesson _____.

a) had begun b) has begun c) began

4. Choose the right option

By the time we got to the party, Tom had _____ gone home.

a) yet b) already c) still

5. Choose the right option

When I was a child, my dad _____ us to the park every Sunday.

a) would take b) would took c) would taking

6. Choose the right option

When I got home, my brother _____ all the cake.

a) have eaten b) had ate c) had eaten

7. Choose the right option

Had Anna seen the film before? No, she _____.

a) hadn't b) hasn't c) didn't

8. Choose the right option

When Tom saw the spider, he _____ out of the room.

a) has run b) had run c) ran

9. Fill in the gaps

By the time I _____ up, my parents _____ gone to work.

Words: did / has / woken / had / woke

10. Put the words in order

Remember what your family did every summer

would / visit / my / we / visiting / grandmother / visits / summer / Every

Not all words are needed.

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11. Put the words in order

Explain why you didn't watch the film

film / seen / I'd / I'm / saw / the / before

Not all words are needed.

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12. Fill in the gaps

When I _____ home, my family _____, so I ate alone.

Words: has eaten / get / ate / got / had eaten

13. Put the words in order

Explain why you couldn't buy anything that evening

already / close / closed / had / still / The / shop

Not all words are needed.

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14. Choose the right option

When I was young, I _____ long hair.

a) used to have b) would have c) would had

15. Choose the right option

By the time the police _____, the thief had run away.

a) arrived b) have arrived c) arrive

16. Choose the right option

When we were kids, we _____ play football in the street every day.

a) are b) would c) will

Answers

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1. **had gone**

   Anna left before you came, so we use *had* + past participle. The past participle of *go* is *gone*; *went* is the Past Simple.

2. **Had**

   You ask about the time before last year's trip, so we use the Past Perfect: *Had* comes before the subject. We don't use *did* with *been*. *Have* doesn't fit: the trip is in the past.

3. **had begun**

   You were late, so the lesson began before you arrived. For the earlier event we use the Past Perfect: *had begun*.

4. **already**

   Already means before that moment. It goes between *had* and the past participle. *Yet* is for negatives and questions. *Still* is for something that continues.

5. **would take**

   This is something that often happened in the past, so we use *would* + infinitive: *take*.

6. **had eaten**

   Your brother ate the cake before you came home, so we use *had eaten*. After *had* we use the past participle: *eaten*, not *ate*.

7. **hadn't**

   The question has *had*, so the short answer has *had* too: *she hadn't*.

8. **ran**

   Tom ran out after he saw the spider. When one event follows the other, we use the Past Simple for both.

9. **woke ... had**

   After *by the time* we use the Past Simple: *woke*. Your parents left earlier, so we use *had gone*.

10. **Every summer we would visit my grandmother.**

    Every summer shows a past habit, so we use *would*. After *would* we use the infinitive: *visit*.

11. **I'd seen the film before.**

    You saw the film before, so we use the Past Perfect: *'d seen*. Here *'d = had*, and after it comes *seen*.

12. **got ... had eaten**

    Your family ate before you got home, so we use *had eaten*. Your arrival is in the Past Simple: *got*.

13. **The shop had already closed.**

    The shop closed before you came, so we use *had closed*. *Already* usually goes after *had*. *Still* is for something that goes on, not for something finished.

14. used to have

Having long hair is a state, not an action. For states we use *used to*, not *would*.

15. arrived

After *by the time* we use the Past Simple for the past: *arrived*. The earlier action is in the Past Perfect: *had run away*.

16. would

Every day shows a repeated action, and *when we were kids* shows the past. So we use *would + play*. *Will* is for the future. We don't use *are* before an infinitive.