

Past Simple or Past Perfect

Worksheet 1

Supply a suitable **SIMPLE PAST** or **PAST PERFECT TENSE**:

1. My mother _____ (worry) a lot about me before she _____ (hear) that I was safe with my friends.
2. I didn't like Romania; It _____ (be) much smaller than I _____ (expect).
3. By the time the firefighters _____ (arrive) the building _____ (already / burn) down.
4. They _____ (go) to the cinema after they _____ (finish) their dinner.
5. She _____ just _____ (enter) the room when the door _____ (open) and Jason _____ (enter).
6. His mother wanted to know why he _____ (not / study) his lessons the previous day.
7. After he _____ (work) for the software company for two years he _____ (decide) to give it up.
8. When I _____ (arrive) at the station the train _____ already _____ (leave).

9. We _____ (live) in Italy before we _____ (move) to Spain.

10. By the time the meeting _____ (finish), they _____ (leave) the room.

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Answers:

1. My mother **had worried** a lot about me before she **heard** that I was safe with my friends.
2. I didn't like Romania; it **was** much smaller than I **had expected**
3. By the time the firefighters **arrived** the building **had already burned** down.
4. They **went** to the cinema after they **had finished** their dinner.
5. She **had** just **entered** the room when the door **opened** and Jason **entered**.
6. His mother wanted to know why he **hadn't studied** his lessons the previous day.
7. After he **had worked** for the software company for two years he **decided** to give it up.
8. When I **arrived** at the station the train **had** already **left**.
9. We **had lived** in Italy before we **moved** to Spain.
10. By the time the meeting **finished**, they **had left** the room.