

GRAMMAR DRILL

PAST PERFECT AND SIMPLE PAST

NAME: _____

1 Find seven verbs in past participle in the puzzle.

g	o	n	e	r	o	m	e
i	l	u	o	u	k	w	f
v	m	p	b	n	y	o	g
e	a	t	e	n	r	n	a
n	d	l	e	o	w	c	e
h	e	i	n	r	e	a	d

2 Underline the correct option.

- I went / *gone* to the garden to get my bike, but somebody had stolen it.
- When she arrived at the bank, she realized she had left / *leaved* her handbag on the bus.
- After I had bought / *buy* my computer, I discovered that it didn't have enough memory.
- When I got / *get* home, Paul hadn't arrived.
- We took a taxi because we had missed / *miss* the bus.
- He opened the door and discovered burglars entered / *had entered* his house.
- After the children had gone to bed, we watched / *had watched* TV.

3 Complete the sentences with the past perfect of the verbs in parentheses.

- Carol was tired because she had had (have) a very busy day.
- He had lived (live) in Texas all his life before he moved to New York.
- They felt very nervous because they hadn't flown (not fly) before.

- Had _____ he studied (study) engineering before he worked in that company?
- I was very hungry when I got home because I hadn't eaten (not eat) anything all day long.
- He prepared dinner after he had finished (finish) his homework.
- Had _____ the concert begun (begin) when you arrived at the theater?

4 Complete the paragraph with the simple past or past perfect of the verbs from the box.

pretend	make	come	get	be
wash	buy			

It was mom's birthday last Saturday. On Friday evening my sister and I 1) pretended we didn't remember, but we 2) had gotten her a present that morning. The shop assistant 3) had been very helpful and had suggested some lovely things to choose from. We finally 4) bought her a shawl and a pair of silver earrings. On Saturday morning when she 5) came downstairs, we 6) had washed the dishes and we 7) had made breakfast for her.

5 Change the following sentences to the negative or interrogative form.

- He had always wanted to visit Australia. (interrogative)
Had he always wanted to visit Australia?
- She had fed the cat when he arrived home. (interrogative)
Had she fed the cat when he arrived home?

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- When the bell rang the students had finished their task. (negative)
When the bell rang the students hadn't finished their task.
- You had visited the museum before we went together. (interrogative)
Had you visited the museum before we went together?
- James and Mary had met before the party. (negative)
James and Mary hadn't met before the party.
- I had had breakfast when the taxi arrived. (negative)
I hadn't had breakfast when the taxi arrived.

6 Circle the mistake in each sentence and rewrite them correctly.

- Before he finished his lecture, most of the audience (fell) asleep.
Before he finished his lecture, most of the audience had fallen asleep.
- I (had felt) much better once I (had told) the truth.
I felt much better once I told the truth.
- Before I found an apartment, I (have) stayed at her house.
Before I found an apartment, I had stayed at her house.
- They (was) been to Tulum the year before.
They had been to Tulum the year before.
- Had they (travel) by bullet train before?
Had they traveled by bullet train before?
- Where she (had worked) before?
Where had she worked before?

7 Combine each pair of sentences with when and the past perfect.

- Brad went on vacation. He saved enough money.
Suggested answer: When Brad had saved enough money, he went on vacation.
- I arrived at the bus station. I missed the bus.
Suggested answer: When I arrived at the bus station, I had already missed the bus.
- She finished her homework. We went to the movies.
Suggested answer: When she had finished her homework, we went to the movies.
- The team won the final. They ran around the field to celebrate.
Suggested answer: The team had won the final when they ran around the field to celebrate.
- They passed the exam. They thanked the teacher.
Suggested answer: When they had passed the exam, they thanked the teacher.
- Rob stopped for a break. He drove 300 km.
Suggested answer: When Rob stopped for a break, he had driven 300 km.

8 Complete the following sentences with your own ideas. Use the simple past or past perfect tense.

- I hadn't read the book before
Students' own answers.
- The children were grounded because
Students' own answers.
- When they arrived,
Students' own answers.
- We were late for the plane because
Students' own answers.
- You hadn't studied for the exam, so
Students' own answers.