



Past Simple vs. Past Perfect

Fill in the gaps with the correct form (past simple or past perfect) of the verbs.

1. By the time the movie started, we still _____ (not buy) our popcorn.
2. After he _____ (complete) his homework, he went out with his friends.
3. When I _____ (get) home, I saw that someone had broken into my house.
4. She _____ (already leave) before I arrived at the party.
5. When we got to the restaurant, they _____ (close) for the night.
6. I _____ (never see) such a beautiful sunset before I visited Hawaii.
7. They _____ (meet) just a few months before they got married.
8. By the time I _____ (wake up), the kids had already gone to school.
9. After they _____ (finish) the project, they decided to take a vacation.
10. I _____ (lose) my keys, so I couldn't get into the house.
11. When we _____ (arrive) at the concert, the band had already started playing.
12. She _____ (live) in Paris for five years before she moved to London.
13. Denis _____ (not/understand) the lesson because he had missed the class.
14. After the storm _____ (pass), we went outside to check the damage.
15. The thief _____ (escape) before the police arrived.

Answers

1. (hadn't / had not) bought
2. had completed
3. got
4. had already left
5. had closed
6. had never seen
7. had met
8. woke up
9. had finished
10. had lost
11. arrived
12. had lived
13. (didn't / did not) understand
14. had passed
15. had escaped