



# Past Tenses

Determine whether the highlighted past tense used in each sentence is past simple, past continuous, past perfect, or past perfect continuous.

1. She **had** already **left** when we arrived. \_\_\_\_\_
2. He **was running** in the park when it started raining. \_\_\_\_\_
3. I **baked** a cake for the party yesterday. \_\_\_\_\_
4. They **had been waiting** for hours before the train finally arrived. \_\_\_\_\_
5. We **were watching** a movie when the lights went out. \_\_\_\_\_
6. He **studied** all night for the test. \_\_\_\_\_
7. By the time I called, she **had finished** her homework. \_\_\_\_\_
8. I **had been reading** for an hour when my friend called. \_\_\_\_\_
9. The children **played** outside after school. \_\_\_\_\_
10. The dog **was barking** loudly while the mailman approached. \_\_\_\_\_
11. She **had** never **seen** the ocean before her trip to Hawaii. \_\_\_\_\_
12. He **had been practicing** the piano for months before the recital. \_\_\_\_\_
13. They **were arguing** about the bill when the waiter intervened. \_\_\_\_\_
14. I walked to the store and **bought** some groceries. \_\_\_\_\_
15. The storm **had** already **passed** when we went outside. \_\_\_\_\_

## Answers

1. Past perfect
2. Past continuous
3. Past simple
4. Past perfect continuous
5. Past continuous
6. Past simple
7. Past perfect
8. Past perfect continuous
9. Past simple
10. Past continuous
11. Past perfect
12. Past perfect continuous
13. Past continuous
14. Past simple
15. Past perfect