

Solutions

PAST PERFECT SIMPLE - EXERCISE 1

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Complete the sentences using past perfect simple:

1. Steve had written / 'd written (write) a poem.
2. They had taught / 'd taught (teach) us how to speak English better.
3. John had gone / 'd gone (go) to London two weeks before.
4. Sarah had thought / 'd thought (think) your idea was great.
5. The police had arrested / 'd arrested (arrest) the thief the day before.

Complete the following sentences with past simple or past perfect. Use short forms when negative:

(Have a look at [verbal tense uses](#) if you need it)

1. When the police arrived (arrive) the thieves had stolen / 'd stolen (steal) everything.
2. We arrived (arrive) at 11 o'clock in the morning but Sue wasn't / was not (not be) at home because she had already left / 'd already left (already / leave).

3. Steve told (tell) us Mary hadn't bought / had not bought (not buy) that car the month before.
4. Alice wasn't / was not (not be) hungry because she had just eaten / 'd just eaten (just / eat).