

Past Simple or Past Perfect: Fill in the correct form.

1. John _____ (give) me the book before he _____ (leave).
2. When they _____ (arrive) at the stadium, the game _____ (already, start).
3. Having reached the end of the street, we saw that we _____ (lose) our way.
4. All the tickets _____ (sell) out by the time I _____ (call) to book.
5. They _____ (take) a shower after they _____ (finish) the game.
6. I _____ (ask) Peter how many films he _____ (seen)
7. Mum _____ (demand) to know why I _____ (not tidy) up my room.
8. David _____ (go) to the zoo last week. Up to then, he _____ (see) a lion before.
9. I _____ (be) outside waiting, but they still _____ (not arrive) home.
10. My father _____ (decide) to come home early from work as he _____ (finish) the project.
11. I _____ (turn off) the lights before I _____ (go) to bed.
12. The parcel _____ (not arrive) yet, so he went to the post office to enquire about it.

Answers

- 1) John **gave** me the book before he **left**. (The past perfect is used to sequence actions. If the sequence is obvious, it is not necessary to use past perfect)
- 2) When they **arrived** at the stadium, the game **had** already **started**
- 3) Having **reached** the end of the street, we saw that we **had lost** our way.
- 4) All the tickets **had sold out** by the time I **called** to book.
- 5) They **took** a shower after they **had finished** the game.
- 6) I **asked** Peter how many films he **had seen**.
- 7) Mum **demanded** to know why I **hadn't tied up** my room.
- 8) David **went** to the zoo last week. Up to then, he **hadn't seen** a lion before.
- 9) I **was** outside waiting, but they still **hadn't arrived**.
- 10) My father **decided** to come home early from work as he **had finished** the project.
- 11) I **turned off** the lights before I **went** to bed (sequence obvious)
- 12) The parcel **hadn't arrived** yet, so he **went** to the post office to enquire about it.