**Unit # 1 Lesson #4** **\*\*\* Grammar Corner\*\*\* Past Simple vs. Past Perfect**

***Please familiarize yourself with the following information on differences in the usage of such tenses as Past Simple and Past Perfect:***   
In English, the Past Perfect and Past Simple tenses are used to refer to actions in the past, but they serve different functions and convey distinct meanings.

***Past Simple*** Past Simple is used to describe actions that happened at a specific time in the past and have been completed. It is often used with time indicators such as "yesterday," "last week," "in 2010," etc.

***Examples:*** I visited my grandmother last weekend.

She finished her homework an hour ago.

***Past Perfect*** Past Perfect is used to indicate an action that occurred before another action in the past. It helps to establish the order of events and is commonly used in sentences with conjunctions such as "when," "after," "before." Examples:

* I had finished my homework before I went out to play.
* She had already left by the time I arrived.

***Key Differences***

1. ***Time of Action:***
   * Past Simple indicates a specific action in the past.
   * Past Perfect refers to an action that was completed before another action in the past.
2. ***Time Indicators:***
   * Past Simple is often accompanied by specific time expressions.
   * Past Perfect provides clarity regarding the sequence of events.

**Contextual Examples:**

* ***Past Simple:*** I went to the store at 3 PM.
* ***Past Perfect:*** I had already gone to the store by the time my friend called.

Thus, the choice between Past Simple and Past Perfect depends on which aspect of time and event sequence you wish to emphasize.

***Practice Exercises:***

***Ex 1. Fill in the blanks. Replace the verbs in parentheses with the appropriate form of Past Simple or Past Perfect.***  
1. After I (**finished**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my Bachelor’s degree, I (**decided**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to continue my studies in a master’s program.  
  
2. By the time she (**submitted**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her thesis, she already (had completed) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all the required courses.

3. The professor (had published) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ several research papers before he (**became**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the head of the department.

4. When I (**started**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my postgraduate studies, I (had not finished) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my thesis yet.

5. The senior lecturer (**gave**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his lecture after students (has read) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the necessary literature.

6. By the time she (received) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her Doctor of Science degree, she already (had worked) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the field of research for ten years.

7. When I \_\_\_ (finished) my dissertation, I felt relieved.  
  
8. The professor \_\_\_ (had taught) for ten years before he \_\_\_ (**became**) the head of the department.

***Ex 2.*** ***Translate the following sentences from Russian into English using the appropriate tenses (Past Simple или Past Perfect).***1. Я уже защитил свою диссертацию, когда мне предложили работать под руководством профессора.

2. После того как он получил степень магистра, он начал исследования в области агрономии.

3. Прежде чем я стал научным сотрудником, я опубликовал несколько статей и собрал данные для исследований.

4. После того как он закончил аспирантуру, он начал работать под руководством профессора.

5. Я собрал данные для исследования до того, как началась моя научная стажировка.

6. У нее была тема исследования, которая соответствовала актуальности ее работы, когда она только начала свои исследования.

7. Он закончил выпускную квалификационную работу, прежде чем получил степень магистра.

8. Когда научный руководитель сделал комментарии к статье, я уже подготовил все необходимые данные.

9. После того как я стал магистрантом, я сообщил о своей гипотезе исследования декану.

10. Она была на стажировке в институте до того, как начала работать на кафедре.

 I had already defended my dissertation when I was offered to work under the professor’s supervision.  
(Сначала защитил → потом предложили.)

 After he received his Master’s degree, he started research in agronomy.  
(Сначала получил → потом начал; последовательность, Past Simple.)

 Before I became a research associate, I had published several articles and had collected data for research.  
(Сначала публикации и сбор данных → потом стал сотрудником.)

 After he finished his postgraduate studies, he started working under the professor’s supervision.  
(Сначала закончил → потом начал работать; последовательность.)

 I had collected data for research before my scientific internship began.  
(Сначала собрал данные → потом началась стажировка.)

 She had a research topic that matched the relevance of her work when she just started her research.  
(Факт, существовавший в момент начала исследований → Past Simple.)

 He had finished his graduation thesis before he received his Master’s degree.  
(Сначала закончил работу → потом получил степень.)

 When the academic supervisor made comments on the article, I had already prepared all the necessary data.  
(Данные были готовы раньше → Past Perfect.)

 After I became a Master’s student, I reported my research hypothesis to the dean.  
(Сначала поступил → потом сообщил; последовательность.)

 She had been on an internship at the institute before she started working at the department.  
(Сначала стажировка → потом работа на кафедре.)