**Lesson 1 - Past Simple or Past Perfect**

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| **Past Simple** | **Past Perfect** |
| **Form**  Sub + V2…   * I **did** my homework last week. * In 2002, they **left** England. * **Did** you go out last night? * Sreymao **was** not at the office yesterday.   **NOTE: Did /did (not) + V1 + …**  **Was / were (not) + No Verb (adj. / noun or prepositional phrase = preposition + noun (adj. or adv.) Ex. She was crying in the room=adv.** | **Form**  Sub + had + V3…  Past participle verb (V3)   * **Had** you **met** Dara before 9.00am? * When we arrived at the station, the train **had** already **left**. * They **hadn’t come** to Phnom Penh before. |
| **Use**   * We use ‘past perfect’ for the action that happened before another past action (past simple) or time. * The train **had already left** when we *arrived*.   **The train had already left**  *When we arrived*  **Now**  ♣ **After** + sub + had + V3 (past perfect) ♣ **Before** + sub + V2 (past simple)   * After I had met Sreymao, I went home. - Before I went home, I had met Sreymao. * I went home after I had met Sreymao. - I had met Sreymao before I went home. | |

**Exercise Practice**

**Instruction:** *Complete the gaps with the correct form of* ***past simple*** *or* ***past perfect*** *with the verbs in the parentheses.*

1. When we \_\_arrived\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at the station, the bus had left.
2. She was tired because she \_\_\_\_\_\_had cleaned\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (clean) the house.
3. I was worried because I \_\_\_\_\_\_hadn’t studied\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not, study) for the exam.
4. I had eaten breakfast before I \_\_\_\_went\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to work.
5. Sreymao was excited after she \_\_\_\_had passed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (pass) the Bac II examination.
6. My aunt flew to Paris last year. She \_\_\_\_had never been\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (never, be) on a plane before that.
7. The thieves had already spent the money when the police \_\_\_\_\_\_caught\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (catch) them.
8. We \_\_\_had known\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (know) her address because she \_\_\_\_\_told\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (tell) us.
9. The children \_\_\_\_\_hadn’t eaten\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not eat) for days, so they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_were\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) extremely hungry.
10. She didn’t want to go to the cinema, for she \_\_\_\_had already seen\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (already, see) the film.
11. My niece \_\_\_\_\_had been\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) to London three times by the time she \_\_\_\_\_was\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) sixteen.
12. It was half past three, and we still \_\_\_\_hadn’t eaten\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not, eat) lunch.
13. Our teacher \_\_\_\_gave\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (give) us extra homework, for we \_\_\_hadn’t finished\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not finish) our essays.
14. My father \_\_\_\_had lost\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (lose) his glasses, so he couldn’t read the newspaper.
15. The car \_\_\_\_stopped\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (stop) because we had run out of petrol.
16. By the time I \_\_\_\_met\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (meet) John, Sreymao had left college.
17. When I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (ask) her to help me, she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (agree).
18. I thought I \_\_\_\_read\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (read) that book before, but I hadn’t.
19. I \_\_\_\_knew\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (know) I had seen her somewhere before.
20. When we \_\_\_\_\_got\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (get) home, my wife realized that she \_\_\_\_\_\_had lost\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (lose) her purse.