**Fill in past simple or past perfect simple.**

1. After they  \_\_\_\_\_\_saw\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see) the Tower, they  \_\_\_\_\_\_went\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Westminster Abbey.  
2. He  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_asked\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (ask) me which animals I  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_have seen\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see) in Africa.  
3. After Columbus  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_discovered\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (discover) America, he  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_returned\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (return) to Spain.  
4. Before they  \_\_\_\_\_\_moved\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (move) to Liverpool, they  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_sold\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sell) everything.  
5. After he  (work) very hard, he  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_fell\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (fall) ill.  
6. She  \_\_\_\_opened\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (open) the box after she  \_\_\_\_\_\_found\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (find) the key.  
7. They\_\_\_\_\_\_went\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (go) to a restaurant after they  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_sailed\_\_\_\_\_ (sail).  
8. Before they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_started\_\_\_\_\_\_ (start) the party, they  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_invited\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (invite) some friends.  
9. After she\_\_\_\_washed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (wash) the curtains, she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_cleaned\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (clean) the windows.  
10. They \_\_\_\_\_went\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) for a sightseeing tour after the bus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_arrived\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (arrive).  
11. Before he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_mowed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (mow) the lawn, he \_\_\_\_\_picked\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (pick) some roses.  
12. After he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_finnished\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (finish) school, he\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_worked\_\_\_\_  (work) for a magazine.  
13. They\_\_\_\_\_\_\_drank\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (drink) a cup of tea after they\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_finished\_\_\_\_\_  (finish) lunch.  
14. He \_\_\_\_aked\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (ask) me for her telephone number before he \_\_\_\_\_phoned\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (phone) her.  
15. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ate\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (eat) all the chocolate before my parents \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_came\_\_\_\_\_\_ (come) home.

**Put the verbs into the correct tense (simple past or past perfect simple).**

1. When he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_woke up\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (wake up) , his mother \_\_\_\_\_already had prepared\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (already / prepare)  breakfast.
2. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_went\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (go)  to London because the Queen \_\_\_\_\_\_invited\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (invite)  us for tea.
3. He \_\_\_\_\_\_heard\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (hear)  the news, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_went\_\_\_\_\_  (go)  to the telephone and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_called\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (call)  a friend.
4. When she \_\_\_\_started\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (start) to learn English, she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_had already learned\_\_\_\_\_  (already / learn)  French.
5. Jane \_\_\_\_\_\_already typed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (already / type)  ten pages when her computer \_\_\_\_\_\_crashed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (crash) .
6. By the time he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_arrived\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (arrive)  at the pub, they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ran\_\_\_\_  (run)  out of beer.
7. Before that day we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_never thaught\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (never / think)  of going to Japan.
8. I \_\_\_\_\_knew\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (know)  him for a long time before I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_met\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (meet)  his family.
9. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_didn’t know\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (not / know)  where to meet because nobody \_\_\_\_\_told\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (tell)  them.
10. It \_\_\_\_\_was\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (be)  cloudy for days before it finally \_\_\_\_\_\_begun\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (begin)  to rain.

**Complete the text with the past perfect or past simple form of the verbs in brackets. Use short forms (I've), not full forms (I have) where possible.**

When I was growing up I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_was\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) terrified of snakes, even though I never actually \_\_\_\_\_\_saw\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see) one in real life. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_have seen\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (see) them on TV, though. Then one day I  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_read\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (read) a newspaper article about a man who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_died\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (die) after being bitten by a snake, and that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_was\_\_\_\_\_\_  (be) enough to fill with me with a terrible fear of them. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_avoided\_\_\_\_\_  (avoid) going to zoos or walking in the countryside in case I saw one. A few years ago, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_met\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (meet) someone who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_had\_\_\_\_\_\_  (have) a phobia of spiders, but who now wasn't frightened of them at all. He \_\_\_\_\_\_gave\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (give) me the name of the woman who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_helped\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (help) him and I arranged to meet her. Elizabeth was fantastic. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_talked\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (talk about) why my fear of snakes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_started\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (start) in the first place then she \_\_\_\_\_\_asked\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (ask) me to look at some pictures of snakes. It was difficult, but once I \_\_\_\_\_did\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (do) it a few times, I slowly started to feel less frightened. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_repeated\_\_\_\_\_\_  (repeat) the process with some plastic snakes and finally the day came when I was able to touch a real snake that someone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_brought\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (bring) to Elizabeth's office.  
My fear of snakes has completely disappeared now and I can even hold them without feeling afraid. I should have asked for help earlier!

Imagine a scenario based on the prompt provided below.

Write a short story using both Past Simple and Past Perfect Simple tenses. Be detailed and creative!

**Prompt: The Mysterious Package**

You received a mysterious package in the mail. Write about the events that led up to receiving the package and what unfolded afterward. Use both Past Simple and Past Perfect Simple tenses to present the sequence of events and any relevant background information.

After a tiring day at work, I found a mysterious package on my kitchen counter. Inside was an old journal, belonging to a previous occupant of my apartment. As I read, I uncovered strange occurrences detailed in its pages. Suddenly, I heard a noise in the hallway, but when I investigated, no one was there. Determined to unravel the mysteries within the journal, I embarked on a journey to uncover the truth.