



Exercise 29

Past Tense

Name _____
Date _____

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in parentheses in simple past perfect tense.

Note: All of the past participles used in this exercise are regular.
(See note at exercise 28.)

Example: Vikings (invade) had invaded England long before the Angles and Saxons arrived.

- 1) Tonya (work) _____ as a decorator before she opened her shop.
- 2) My daughter and I (enjoy) _____ the ballet so much that we wanted to see it again.
- 3) The power supply (fail) _____ during the night, so the house got cold.
- 4) You (call) _____ earlier in the day, so we knew you were on your way.
- 5) The cat (scratch) _____ a hole in the sofa before its owner noticed.
- 6) John and Nikki (start) _____ their bakery long before the big one came to town.
- 7) The alligators at the edge of the pond (scare) _____ us until we realized they were behind a fence.
- 8) The defense attorney (argue) _____ before Judge Sanchez prior to last June's trial.
- 9) The trumpet player (finish) _____ his solo before the trombonist stood up.
- 10) Mark (behave) _____ well at the playground, so his mother bought him a treat.

