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Exercise 30

Past Tense

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

Note: As noted in Exercise 28, when used in the simple past perfect tense, the past participle is often regular. In Exercises 28 and 29, we concentrated on the regular form. However, for irregular verbs, like the ones used in this exercise, the spelling and pronunciation gets changed.

Example: He (wrote) had written a book about bass fishing before he began the one on fishing boats.

- 1) You (know) _____ about conditions in the Middle East long before you made that trip.
- 2) Robert (begin) _____ to research his family history a year before he visited Ireland.
- 3) The Kowalske family (eat) _____ organic vegetables even before they planted their garden.
- 4) Before the treasure hunt started, Ryan's mother (hide) _____ clues in the yard.
- 5) Jenna (ride) _____ her bike 12 miles; now she was sore.
- 6) The geese (fly) _____ from Michigan to Florida before the first snow fell.
- 7) Mrs. Hughes (fall) _____ several times in the past, so she decided to get a walker.
- 8) The choir (sing) _____ together many times before its tour of Europe last month.
- 9) Bill (write) _____ three cookbooks before his book on baking with chocolate was released.
- 10) Olga was amused when Seventies styles returned; she (wear) _____ them since high school!