**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 cleaned (clean) the house.
3. I was worried because I did not study (not, study) for the exam.
4. I had eaten breakfast before I went (go) to work.
5. Sreymao was excited after she 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 knew (know) her address because she had told (tell) us.
9. The children had not 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 had not eaten (not, eat) lunch.
13. Our teacher gave (give) us extra homework, for we had not finished (not finish) our essays.
14. My father ah(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 had asked (ask) her to help me, she agreed (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 had gotten (get) home, my wife realized that she lost (lose) her purse.