**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 \_knew\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (know) her address because she \_had 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (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 \_\_didn’t eat\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not, eat) lunch.
13. Our teacher \_had given\_\_\_\_\_ (give) us extra homework, for we \_didn’t finish\_\_\_ (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 \_had asked\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (ask) her to help me, she \_\_agreed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (agree).
18. I thought I \_had 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.