**Lesson 1 - Past Simple or Past Perfect**

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| **Past Simple** | **Past Perfect** |
| **Form**   * 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**   * **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*.     ♣ **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 \_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 eat\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (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 \_\_hadn’t eaten\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not, eat) lunch.
13. Our teacher gave\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (give) us extra homework, for we \_hadn’t finished\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not finish) our essays.
14. My father \_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.