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Present Perfect vs Past Perfect: Exercise Answers

Exercise 1

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb – do we use present perfect or past perfect?

1. had not drunk
2. has gone
3. have got
4. had not seen
5. had left
6. had finished
7. have done
8. has read
9. have seen
10. has sent

Exercise 2

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb – do we use present perfect or past perfect?

1. had prepared
2. have published, had never spoken
3. had not heard, has brought
4. had not seen, have changed
5. have gained
6. has visited, had not seen
7. has watched, had never heard
8. had not realised, have stopped
9. has slept
10. had remembered

Exercise 3

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb – do we use present perfect or past perfect?

1. had taught
2. had not received
3. had told
4. had felt
5. has developed
6. has made
7. have stopped
8. had never taken

Exercise 4

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb – do we use present perfect or past perfect?

1. Had never heard
2. Had read
3. Had mentioned
4. Have been
5. Has not started
6. Have never known
7. Have been
8. Had started
9. Had fallen

Exercise 5

Some of the following sentences are incorrect. Write the correct word underneath the sentence.

1. James **has (had)** lived in Paris for 3 years before he could speak French fluently.
2. I **had (have)** been doing yoga for ages now.
3. The locals were amazed because they had never seen a horse before.
4. He won't be able to pay because he has forgotten his bank card
5. **Had (Have)** you seen the new film by JK Rowling?
6. They **have (had)** eaten a lot of Italian food by the time the holiday ended.
7. In all her years of knowing him, she had never seen him so angry before.
8. I never leave the table before others **had (have)** finished.
9. It is already midday and I haven't eaten breakfast yet.
10. Sarah **had (has)** climbed Mount Everest – she is such an adventurous person!

Exercise 6

Some of the following sentences are incorrect. Write the correct word underneath the sentence.

1. I **have (had)** seen many pictures of the Eiffel Tower before I finally saw it last summer.
2. By the time we finally stopped him, the cat **has (had)** eaten all the food.
3. Before my trip to China last year, I had never visited Asia.
4. I **had (have)** broken my leg. I can't cycle.
5. I'm a singer. I've recorded 2 albums and several singles.
6. By the time I called, they had already run out of the dress I wanted.
7. I'm ready to go now. I **had (have)** finished my homework.
8. My grandmother was furious when she found out that we **have (had)** eaten all the turkey.
9. You're doing well. How many exercises **had (have)** you completed so far?
10. This is Maria's first job – she **had (has)** never worked before.