Past Perfect Worksheet 1 - ANSWERS

Exercise 1: Cloze Sentences – Past Perfect (Answers)

1. By the time we arrived at the station, the train **had left**. ✅ *(Past Perfect shows the train left before we arrived.)*
2. She was upset because she **had failed** her driving test twice before. ✅ *(Past Perfect shows failure happened before the moment she was upset.)*
3. When I got home, I realized I **had forgotten** my keys. ✅ *(Past Perfect shows forgetting happened before getting home.)*
4. He didn't pass the test because he **had not studied** enough. ✅ *(Lack of studying happened before failing the test.)*
5. We were tired because we **had walked** for hours. ✅ *(Walking happened before feeling tired.)*
6. They were shocked to hear that the company **had closed** suddenly. ✅ *(Closing happened before they found out.)*
7. Before she moved to Paris, she **had lived** in London for five years. ✅ *(Living in London was before moving to Paris.)*
8. I **had never seen** such a beautiful sunset before that day. ✅ *(The seeing event happened before "that day.")*
9. After he **had finished** his work, he went out for dinner. ✅ *(Finishing work happened before going to dinner.)*
10. She couldn't believe he **had not told** her the truth earlier. ✅ *(Not telling happened before she found out.)*

Exercise 2: Error Correction – Past Perfect (Answers in Bold)

1. When I arrived at the party, Sarah **had left** already. ✅ *(Past Perfect needed because Sarah left before arrival.)*
2. He was nervous because he **had not prepared** for the interview. ✅ *(Past Perfect needed to show preparation was missing before the interview.)*
3. We couldn't enter the stadium because we **had forgotten** our tickets. ✅ *(Forgetting happened before attempting to enter.)*
4. After she **had eaten**, she **went** to bed. ✅ *(Past Perfect only for first action; "went" remains in Past Simple.)*
5. He didn't want to watch the movie again because he **had seen** it last week. ❌ *(Incorrect: "last week" suggests Past Simple: "He saw it last week.")*
6. They were late because their car **had broken down**. ✅ *(Breaking down happened before being late.)*
7. She **had never travelled** abroad before she moved to Spain. ✅ *(Never traveling happened before moving.)*
8. I **had known** him for years before we became business partners. ✅ *(Knowing happened before they became partners.)*
9. When we got to the hotel, they **had lost** our reservation. ✅ *(Losing happened before arrival.)*
10. The police **had arrived** before the robbers **ran away**. ✅ *(Arriving happened before running away.)*