

EXERCISE 19. Simple past vs. past progressive. (Charts 2-9 and 2-10)

Directions: Use the simple past or the past progressive of the verbs in parentheses.

1. I am sitting in class right now. I (*sit*) was sitting in class at this exact same time yesterday.
2. I don't want to go to the zoo today because it is raining. The same thing happened yesterday. I (*want, not*) _____ to go to the zoo because it (*rain*) _____.
3. I (*call*) _____ Roger at nine last night, but he (*be, not*) _____ at home. He (*study*) _____ at the library.
4. I (*hear, not*) _____ the thunder during the storm last night because I (*sleep*) _____.
5. It was beautiful yesterday when we went for a walk in the park. The sun (*shine*) _____ . A cool breeze (*blow*) _____ . The birds (*sing*) _____ .
6. My brother and sister (*argue*) _____ about something when I (*walk*) _____ into the room.
7. I got a package in the mail. When I (*open*) _____ it, I (*find*) _____ a surprise.
8. While Mrs. Emerson (*read*) _____ the little boy a story, he (*fall*) _____ asleep, so she (*close*) _____ the book and quietly (*tiptoe*) _____ out of the room.
9. A: Why weren't you at the meeting?
B: I (*wait*) _____ for an overseas call from my family.
10. A: (*you, hear*) _____ what she just said?
B: No, I (*listen, not*) _____ . I (*think*) _____ about something else.

11. A: How *(you, break)* _____
your arm?

B: I *(slip)* _____ on the ice
while I *(cross)* _____
the street in front of the dorm.

12. A: I'm sure you met Carol Jones at the party last night.

B: I don't remember her. What *(she, wear)* _____
_____?

13. It was my first day of class. I *(find, finally)* _____ the right
room. The room *(be, already)* _____ full of students. On one
side of the room, students *(talk, busily)* _____ to each other
in Spanish. Other students *(speak)* _____ Japanese, and
some *(converse)* _____ in Arabic. It sounded like the United
Nations. Some of the students, however, *(sit, just)* _____
quietly by themselves. I *(choose)* _____ an empty seat in the last row
and *(sit)* _____ down. In a few minutes, the teacher *(walk)*
_____ into the room and all the multilingual conversation
(stop) _____.

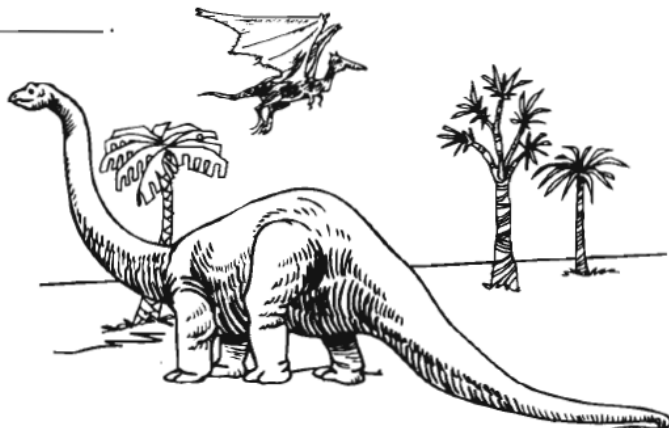


EXERCISE 15. Simple past vs. past perfect. (Charts 2-9 and 3-3)

Directions: Use the simple past or the past perfect to complete the sentences. Are there some blanks where either tense is possible?

1. Sam *(be)* _____ a newspaper reporter before he *(become)*
_____ a businessman.
2. I *(feel)* _____ a little better after I *(take)* _____ the
medicine.
3. I was late. The teacher *(give, already)* _____ a quiz when I
(get) _____ to class.
4. It was raining hard, but by the time class *(be)* _____ over, the rain
(stop) _____.

5. Millions of years ago, dinosaurs (*roam*) _____ the earth, but they (*become*) _____ extinct by the time humankind first (*appear*) _____.



6. I (*see, never*) _____ any of Picasso's paintings before I (*visit*) _____ the art museum.
7. Yesterday at a restaurant, I (*see*) _____ Pam Donnelly, an old friend of mine. I (*see, not*) _____ her in years. At first, I (*recognize, not*) _____ her because she (*lose*) _____ a great deal of weight.
8. In 1980, my parents (*emigrate*) _____ to the United States from China. They (*travel, never*) _____ outside of China and were, of course, excited by the challenge of relocating in a foreign country. Eventually, they (*settle*) _____ in California. My sister and I were born there and (*grow*) _____ up there. Last year, I (*go*) _____ to China for the first time to study at Beijing University. I (*want, always*) _____ to visit China and learn more about my own family background. My dream was finally realized.

EXERCISE 16. Past perfect. (Chart 3-3)

Directions: Complete the sentences with your own words.

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| 1. I had never . . . before I | 6. In (<i>year</i>), I Prior to that time, I had |
| 2. By the time . . . , he had already | 7. When I . . . , someone else had already |
| 3. I had never . . . until I | 8. Last (<i>month</i>), I Before that, I had never |
| 4. My . . . after I had already | |
| 5. The movie had . . . by the time we | |