

PAST PERFECT: COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

B1 | Grammar practice | 15-20 minutes

Name: _____

Date: _____

Write the past perfect form of the verb in brackets.

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- 2 She _____ (leave) by the time I called.
- 3 We _____ (finish) the work before lunch.
- 4 They _____ (eat) dinner when the guests arrived.
- 5 I _____ (forget) my ticket, so I could not board.
- 6 The shop _____ (close) before we got there.
- 7 He _____ (see) the film, so he knew the ending.
- 8 Maya _____ (clean) the room before her parents came home.
- 9 The children _____ (go) to bed when we arrived.
- 10 We _____ (prepare) everything before the meeting began.
- 11 By morning, the storm _____ (break) several windows.
- 12 She _____ (study) French before she moved to Paris.
- 13 They _____ (take) the wrong train, so they were late.
- 14 I _____ (lose) my phone and could not call anyone.
- 15 He _____ (meet) my sister before he started the job.
- 16 The rain _____ (stop) when we left the house.
- 17 They _____ (sell) their old car before buying a new one.
- 18 The other guests _____ (arrive) before us.
- 19 I _____ (read) the book, so I returned it to the library.
- 20 The leaves _____ (fall) before the first snow came.

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