Past simple or past perfect

Dos tiempos en una historia: verbos regulares

Para contar los hechos en orden usamos pasado simple. Para volver a algo que ya estaba hecho en aquel momento, usamos had + participio. En verbos regulares ambas formas terminan en -ed: cooked / had cooked. Plan y mop duplican la consonante; study y tidy cambian y por i; travel se escribe traveled en inglés americano. Before no obliga siempre a usar had.

Ejemplo resuelto

I cook at home. When you arrived, I ____ dinner; it was ready. → I cook at home. When you arrived, I had cooked dinner; it was ready.

Cocino en casa. Cuando llegaste, ya había preparado la cena; estaba lista.

Usa el verbo de la actividad habitual. En esta ficha: pasado simple para seguir el orden; past perfect para volver a lo ya terminado.

01. Dad _____ the shed on Saturday and then cleaned his brushes. He often paints furniture too.

02. We _____ to the island last summer and then took a bus. We travel there every year.

03. I finish work at six. When you called at seven, I _____ and was already home.

04. We pack orders. When the driver arrived, we _____ his boxes and they were ready.

05. Dad locks his bike. Yesterday he _____ it outside the library and went inside.

06. She opens the shop at nine. Yesterday she _____ it and then served a customer.

07. He checks tickets. When we reached our seats, he _____ ours at the door.

08. Mom washes clothes. On Monday she _____ our coats and hung them outside.

09. I cook lunch at home. Yesterday I _____ pasta and then washed the dishes.

10. We paint models. Last Saturday we _____ a boat and then left it to dry.

11. He _____ the rice when we arrived; dinner was ready. He usually cooks enough for everyone.

12. Mom folds towels. When I opened the cupboard, she _____ them and they were neatly stacked.

13. She cleans offices. At noon the floor was spotless; she _____ it that morning.

14. He fixes lamps. When I returned, mine was already working. He _____ it earlier.

15. She _____ the room yesterday and then set out the chairs. She usually tidies it before meetings.

16. I charge my phone daily. At breakfast the battery was full; I _____ it overnight.

17. They bake bread. Yesterday they _____ six loaves and sold them all.

18. I water my plants. Yesterday I _____ them and then put the can away.

19. When she told us about Lisbon, the dates were already set. She _____ her trip earlier. She plans trips carefully.

20. They collect stamps. On Sunday they _____ ten new ones at a stamp fair and put them in an album.

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Continuación: ejercicios 21-40. Usa el verbo de la actividad habitual. En esta ficha: pasado simple para seguir el orden; past perfect para volver a lo ya terminado.

21. He repairs clocks. When I collected mine, he _____ it and it was working again.

22. We _____ the floor yesterday and then went home. We mop it after sweeping.

23. We book our trips online. At the airport, we knew which hotel we _____ the week before.

24. The wrapping was gone when I arrived. He _____ the parcel earlier. He opens his mail at breakfast.

25. I _____ my essay when the teacher collected it; there were no mistakes left. I check my work.

26. Their project was on display when the judge came. They _____ it the previous day. They finish early.

27. I _____ my bike yesterday and then put it away. I usually clean it on Sundays.

28. They _____ the show yesterday and then ate lunch. They usually rehearse in the morning.

29. They _____ the picnic yesterday and then sent the invitations. They plan one every spring.

30. I _____ Anna yesterday and then called Tom. I visit them both every week.

31. We _____ the room when the guests arrived; it was warm. We usually heat it before a party.

32. My camera was ready when the plane landed. I _____ it before the flight. I charge it before every trip.

33. We _____ lunch yesterday and then made tea. We prepare meals together.

34. We close the gate at night. Last night we _____ it and then went indoors.

35. She prints schedules. On Friday she _____ one and pinned it to the wall.

36. Mom _____ my shirt when I needed it; there were no creases. She irons my school clothes.

37. They save their work often. When the computer crashed, they _____ the file and had a copy.

38. Dad _____ the shelves when we brought the books; the paint was dry. He often paints woodwork.

39. She _____ at the library yesterday and then went home. She often studies there.

40. The dishes were dry on the shelf when I came in. She _____ them earlier. She washes up after dinner.

Soluciones

Frases con el hueco completado. La respuesta aparece en negrita.

01. Dad **painted** the shed on Saturday and then cleaned his brushes.
02. We **traveled** to the island last summer and then took a bus.
03. When you called at seven, I **had finished** and was already home.
04. When the driver arrived, we **had packed** his boxes and they were ready.
05. Yesterday he **locked** it outside the library and went inside.
06. Yesterday she **opened** it and then served a customer.
07. When we reached our seats, he **had checked** ours at the door.
08. On Monday she **washed** our coats and hung them outside.
09. Yesterday I **cooked** pasta and then washed the dishes.
10. Last Saturday we **painted** a boat and then left it to dry.
11. He **had cooked** the rice when we arrived; dinner was ready.
12. When I opened the cupboard, she **had folded** them and they were neatly stacked.
13. At noon the floor was spotless; she **had cleaned** it that morning.
14. He **had fixed** it earlier.
15. She **tidied** the room yesterday and then set out the chairs.
16. At breakfast the battery was full; I **had charged** it overnight.
17. Yesterday they **baked** six loaves and sold them all.
18. Yesterday I **watered** them and then put the can away.
19. She **had planned** her trip earlier.
20. On Sunday they **collected** ten new ones at a stamp fair and put them in an album.
21. When I collected mine, he **had repaired** it and it was working again.
22. We **mopped** the floor yesterday and then went home.
23. At the airport, we knew which hotel we **had booked** the week before.
24. He **had opened** the parcel earlier.
25. I **had checked** my essay when the teacher collected it; there were no mistakes left.
26. They **had finished** it the previous day.
27. I **cleaned** my bike yesterday and then put it away.
28. They **rehearsed** the show yesterday and then ate lunch.
29. They **planned** the picnic yesterday and then sent the invitations.
30. I **visited** Anna yesterday and then called Tom.
31. We **had heated** the room when the guests arrived; it was warm.
32. I **had charged** it before the flight.
33. We **prepared** lunch yesterday and then made tea.
34. Last night we **closed** it and then went indoors.
35. On Friday she **printed** one and pinned it to the wall.
36. Mom **had ironed** my shirt when I needed it; there were no creases.
37. When the computer crashed, they **had saved** the file and had a copy.
38. Dad **had painted** the shelves when we brought the books; the paint was dry.
39. She **studied** at the library yesterday and then went home.
40. She **had washed** them earlier.