Past simple or past perfect

Dos tiempos en una historia: verbos irregulares

Cuenta los hechos en orden con pasado simple: wrote, took, ate. Para volver a algo que ya había ocurrido antes de aquel momento pasado, usa had + participio: had written, had taken, had eaten. La frase sobre la actividad habitual nombra el verbo. Con after o before a veces son posibles los dos tiempos; aquí distinguimos seguir la historia de mirar hacia atrás.

Ejemplo resuelto

I eat at noon. When you arrived, I ____ lunch; my plate was empty. → I eat at noon. When you arrived, I had eaten lunch; my plate was empty.

Como a las doce. Cuando llegaste, ya había comido; mi plato estaba vacío.

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

01. Mom speaks to our neighbors. When I saw her, she already knew their news. She _____ to them earlier.

02. We _____ lunch when the guests arrived; our plates were already empty. We eat at noon.

03. She _____ the beds when we arrived; the rooms were ready. She makes them every morning.

04. We _____ the route yesterday and reached the farm easily. We know this area well.

05. We eat at home. Last night we _____ dinner and then watched a film.

06. We swim in the sea. On Saturday we _____ near the beach and then dried off.

07. He _____ a winner when we asked; the name was already on the board. He chooses one every week.

08. She takes the train. When I reached the station, she _____ it and was already on her way.

09. We begin at nine. When you arrived at ten, we _____ an hour earlier.

10. He _____ to work yesterday and then parked behind the office. He drives there every day.

11. He finds coins on the beach. Last Sunday he _____ one and then showed it to me.

12. I sing in a choir. Yesterday I _____ with the group and then went home.

13. I _____ those shoes for years when the soles finally split. I wear comfortable shoes to work.

14. I drink coffee. Yesterday I _____ a cup and then left for work.

15. He _____ to New York yesterday and then took a taxi. He flies there for work.

16. I _____ my pencil yesterday and then borrowed a new one. I often break pencils.

17. The audience asked for an encore when the judge arrived. She _____ that song earlier. She sings jazz.

18. She makes cakes. Last Saturday she _____ one and then decorated it.

19. She _____ the juice when I offered her more; her glass was empty. She drinks it with lunch.

20. They fly to Denver. When we called that evening, they _____ there and were at their hotel.

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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 ocurrido.

21. We _____ the driver our bags yesterday and then climbed aboard. We give him the luggage first.

22. She forgets appointments. When the clinic called, she realized she _____ hers.

23. Dad knows his clients well. When he retired, he _____ some of them for twenty years.

24. They _____ to shore when the boat arrived; they were already on the sand. They swim well.

25. She wears a uniform. Last Monday she _____ it to school and then changed at home.

26. They _____ yesterday's show at eight and then played for two hours. They usually begin on time.

27. We give gifts on birthdays. When Ben arrived, his sister already had his present. We _____ it to her earlier.

28. I see my doctor monthly. When the specialist asked, I explained that I _____ her the day before.

29. I _____ a fox yesterday and then told Dad about it. I sometimes see wild animals here.

30. I _____ photos yesterday and then shared them. I take pictures of birds.

31. They buy concert tickets. When the sale opened yesterday, they _____ two and paid online.

32. They _____ the last tickets when we reached the counter; none were left. They buy tickets early.

33. Dad drives the van. When I came outside, he _____ it into the garage; it was parked there.

34. We knew the way home when the fog thickened. We _____ the path earlier. We find trails on this map.

35. They choose their own books. Yesterday they _____ two and then went to the checkout.

36. Dad _____ at yesterday's meeting and then answered questions. He speaks at these events.

37. I _____ my wallet yesterday and then went back for it. I sometimes forget things.

38. She _____ the letter when I asked for it; it was already in an envelope. She writes every week.

39. He breaks old tiles for mosaics. When I came in, he _____ them all; the pieces were in a box.

40. I write letters. Yesterday I _____ to Grandma and then posted the envelope.

Soluciones

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

01. She **had spoken** to them earlier.
02. We **had eaten** lunch when the guests arrived; our plates were already empty.
03. She **had made** the beds when we arrived; the rooms were ready.
04. We **knew** the route yesterday and reached the farm easily.
05. Last night we **ate** dinner and then watched a film.
06. On Saturday we **swam** near the beach and then dried off.
07. He **had chosen** a winner when we asked; the name was already on the board.
08. When I reached the station, she **had taken** it and was already on her way.
09. When you arrived at ten, we **had begun** an hour earlier.
10. He **drove** to work yesterday and then parked behind the office.
11. Last Sunday he **found** one and then showed it to me.
12. Yesterday I **sang** with the group and then went home.
13. I **had worn** those shoes for years when the soles finally split.
14. Yesterday I **drank** a cup and then left for work.
15. He **flew** to New York yesterday and then took a taxi.
16. I **broke** my pencil yesterday and then borrowed a new one.
17. She **had sung** that song earlier.
18. Last Saturday she **made** one and then decorated it.
19. She **had drunk** the juice when I offered her more; her glass was empty.
20. When we called that evening, they **had flown** there and were at their hotel.
21. We **gave** the driver our bags yesterday and then climbed aboard.
22. When the clinic called, she realized she **had forgotten** hers.
23. When he retired, he **had known** some of them for twenty years.
24. They **had swum** to shore when the boat arrived; they were already on the sand.
25. Last Monday she **wore** it to school and then changed at home.
26. They **began** yesterday's show at eight and then played for two hours.
27. We **had given** it to her earlier.
28. When the specialist asked, I explained that I **had seen** her the day before.
29. I **saw** a fox yesterday and then told Dad about it.
30. I **took** photos yesterday and then shared them.
31. When the sale opened yesterday, they **bought** two and paid online.
32. They **had bought** the last tickets when we reached the counter; none were left.
33. When I came outside, he **had driven** it into the garage; it was parked there.
34. We **had found** the path earlier.
35. Yesterday they **chose** two and then went to the checkout.
36. Dad **spoke** at yesterday's meeting and then answered questions.
37. I **forgot** my wallet yesterday and then went back for it.
38. She **had written** the letter when I asked for it; it was already in an envelope.
39. When I came in, he **had broken** them all; the pieces were in a box.
40. Yesterday I **wrote** to Grandma and then posted the envelope.