

PAST SIMPLE OR PAST PERFECT

1. The guests / arrive. The party / start.

By the time _____

2. She / finish her homework. Her mother / come home.

Before _____

3. Jack / not / eat breakfast. He / feel hungry all morning. (because)
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4. The movie / begin. We / get to the cinema. (after)
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5. Anna / lose her keys. She / not / be able to enter the house. (because)
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6. The teacher / explain the lesson. The students / understand everything.

After _____

7. The shop / close. We / arrive there.

By the time _____

8. They / not / book a table. They / not / find a place to sit. (because)

9. I / clean my room. My friends / come over.

Before _____

10. The dog / eat the cake. We / see it on the floor. (when)

11. She / never / see snow. She / move to Canada.

Before _____

12. The match / start. It / begin to rain. (after)

13. Mark / finish work. He / go out with his colleagues.

After _____

14. They / already / leave. We / get to the airport.

By the time _____

15. Sarah / study hard. She / pass the exam. (because)

16. The baby / fall asleep. The guests / arrive.

Before _____

17. I / not / charge my phone. It / die. (because)

18. The sun / set. We / reach the beach.

By the time _____

19. He / break his leg. He / not / play in the match. (so)

20. They / finish dinner. The waiter / bring the dessert.

After _____

ANSWER KEY

1. **By the time** the guests arrived, the party had started.
2. **Before** her mother came home, she had finished her homework.
3. Jack felt hungry all morning **because** he hadn't eaten breakfast.
4. **After** the movie had begun, we got to the cinema.
5. Anna wasn't able to enter the house **because** she had lost her keys.
6. **After** the teacher had explained the lesson, the students understood everything.
7. **By the time** we arrived there, the shop had closed.
8. They didn't find a place to sit **because** they hadn't booked a table.
9. **Before** my friends came over, I had cleaned my room.
10. **When** we saw it on the floor, the dog had eaten the cake.
11. **Before** she moved to Canada, she had never seen snow.
12. **After** the match had started, it began to rain.
13. **After** Mark had finished work, he went out with his colleagues.
14. **By the time** we got to the airport, they had already left.
15. Sarah passed the exam **because** she had studied hard.
16. **Before** the guests arrived, the baby had fallen asleep.
17. My phone died **because** I hadn't charged it.
18. **By the time** we reached the beach, the sun had set.
19. He broke his leg, **so** he didn't play in the match.
20. **After** they had finished dinner, the waiter brought the dessert.