

## ESL Worksheet: Past Simple or Past Perfect?

Choose the correct answer.

**Q1 - By the time we \_\_\_\_\_, everyone had left.**

- arrived
- had arrived

**Q2 - I \_\_\_\_\_ a long time ago.**

- finished
- had finished
- Either could be used here.

**Q3 - By that time, everybody \_\_\_\_\_ exhausted.**

- was
- had been
- Either could be used here.

**Q4 - She told me she \_\_\_\_\_ it ages ago.**

- did
- had done
- Either could be used here.

**Q5 - I \_\_\_\_\_ of it until you mentioned it.**

- didn't hear
- hadn't heard

**Q6 - I \_\_\_\_\_ enough time to finish the exam.**

- didn't have
- hadn't had
- Either could be used here.

**Q7 - If I \_\_\_\_\_, I'd have helped.**

- knew
- had known
- Either could be used here.

**Q8 - If I \_\_\_\_\_, I'd tell you.**

- knew
- had known
- Either could be used here.

**Q9 - No sooner \_\_\_\_\_ than I realised what was going on.**

- did I arrive
- had I arrived
- Either could be used here.

**Q10 - Until last month, I \_\_\_\_\_ it before.**

- didn't try
- hadn't tried