

Answer Sheet: Past Simple, Progressive Perfect

Choose the correct answer. Q1 - He bought the car after he'd got his new job These actions happened at the same time He got the job first **Q2** - He was going to bring the film in this afternoon, but forgot it in the end He didn't bring the film even though he had planned to He didn't bring the film because he had no plan to Q3 - It was the first time she had tried a virtual reality game The past perfect is used because it is the first of two past actions The past perfect is used because 'it was the first time' takes the past perfect Q4 - While I was coming to work this morning the shops weren't open These two verbs describe a simultaneous event and state The first verb describes a long action and the second a short one Q5 - The bus drivers had been on strike for two weeks before they managed to reach an agreement with the management The past perfect is stresses the length of the strike The past perfect shows that the problems were easily resolved Q6 - While you were studying at university, I was doing a proper job

These two actions were at the same time

The studying was interrupted by doing the proper job



Q7 - Had you ever worked so hard before you joined the bank?
The past perfect is used to show that the person is still working hard
✓ The past perfect is used to emphasise the difference between the bank and work
before joining it
Q8 - I was having a bath when the dog and cat started fighting
The speaker was out of the bath when the fight happened
✓ The speaker was still in the bath when the fight happened
Q9 - I'd been waiting for half an hour before the train finally arrived
✓ The speaker was still waiting when the train arrived
The speaker had given up waiting before the train arrived
Q10 - He got up and went to the shops
The two actions happened simultaneously
✓ They happened in sequence
Q11 - I'd read it long before it became successful
The speaker hadn't finished reading it when it became successful
✓ The speaker had finished reading it when it became successful
Q12 - Someone had already finished their work before I arrived
✓ The past perfect is used to give show the difference in time between the two
actions
The past perfect is used to show that the speaker is negative about the person
Q13 - I was going to go to the party
The speaker went to the party
✓ The speaker didn't go to the party