

Past Perfect and Past Simple

Choose the past perfect, or the past simple:

1. We had already eaten when John _____
(come) home.
2. Last year Juan _____ (pass) all his exams.
3. When I _____ (get) to the airport I
discovered I had forgotten my passport.
4. I went to the library, then I _____ (buy)
some milk and went home.
5. I opened my handbag to find that I _____
(forgot) my credit card.
6. When we _____ (arrive) at the station,
the train had already left.
7. We got home to find that someone _____
(break) into the house.
8. I opened the fridge to find someone
_____ (eat) all my chocolate.
9. I had known my husband for three years when we
_____ (get) married.
10. Julie was very pleased to see that John
_____ (clean) the kitchen.

11. It _____ (not / rain) all summer, so the grass was completely dead.
12. When he _____ (arrive) at the party, Julie had just left.
13. After arriving home, I realised I _____ (not / buy) any milk.
14. The laundry was wet – it _____ (rain) while I was out.
15. William felt ill last night because he _____ (eat) too many cakes.
16. Keiko _____ (meet) William last September.
17. First I tidied the flat, then I _____ (sit) down and had a cup of coffee.
18. John _____ (play) the piano when he was a child, but he doesn't play now.
19. When I opened the curtains the sun was shining but the ground was white. It _____ (snow) during the night.
20. When Julie got home from her holiday, her flat was a mess. John _____ (have) a party.

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