Past Tenses Exercise

Fill in the blanks.

1. She ........................... college last year.

   was leaving
   left
   had left

2. Our team ........................... them yesterday.

   had defeated
   defeated
   was defeating

3. I ................................. TV when dad arrived.

   watched
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4. After she ___________________________ her breakfast, she went to work.

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5. By the time I reached the station, the train ___________________________.
6. She ............................... here yesterday.
   came
   had come

7. He ............................... home late when the accident occurred.
   drove
   was driving
   had driven

8. The guests had left before I ............................... home.
   reached
   was reaching
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had reached

9. I ................................. sleep well last night.

hadn't
didn't

10. Every morning, he ................................ for a walk.

was going
went
had gone

11. She .............................. when she heard the news.
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was weeping

wept

had wept

12. I thought of it just when you
........................................ your mouth.

was opening

had opened

opened

Answers

1. She left college last year.

2. Our team defeated them yesterday.

3. I was watching TV when dad arrived.
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4. After she ate her breakfast, she went to work.

5. By the time I reached the station, the train had departed.

6. She came here yesterday.

7. He was driving home late when the accident occurred.

8. The guests had left before I reached home.

9. I didn’t sleep well last night.

10. Every morning, he went for a walk.

11. She wept when she heard the news.

12. I thought of it just when you opened your mouth.