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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was watching

had watched

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

ate

had eaten

was eating

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

departed

had departed
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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
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.