

# Simple past and past perfect tense exercise

Complete the following sentences using a simple past or past perfect tense form.

1. The patient ..... before the doctor arrived.

- died
- has died
- had died

2. As the fire broke out, people ..... out of their house.

- hurried
- has hurried
- had hurried

3. I ..... him yesterday.

- met
- meet
- had met

4. I recognized him immediately as I ..... him before.

- saw

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have seen

had seen

5. I wish I ..... with my friend during his last days.

stayed

would stay

had stayed

6. If he ..... in time, he would have got the job.

applied

has applied

had applied

7. By the time the firemen arrived, the fire ..... many huts.

destroyed

was destroying

had destroyed

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8. Long before the chief guest arrived, the invitees .....

- assembled
- have assembled
- had assembled

9. I wish I ..... my application in time.

- sent
- have sent
- had sent

10. I did not speak to him, as I ..... been introduced to him.

- was not
- had not
- has not

## Answers

1. The patient had died before the doctor arrived.
2. As the fire broke out, people hurried out of their house.

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3. I met him yesterday.
4. I recognized him immediately as I had seen him before.
5. I wish I had stayed with my friend during his last days.
6. If he had applied in time, he would have got the job.
7. By the time the firemen arrived, the fire had destroyed many huts.
8. Long before the chief guest arrived, the invitees had assembled.
9. I wish I had sent my application in time.
10. I did not speak to him, as I had not been introduced to him.