Answer Key: Past Perfect Simple Exercises

Exercise 1: Complete the sentences using Past Perfect Simple

- 1. By the time we arrived at the cinema, the movie **had started** (start).
- 2. She was sad because she **had lost** (lose) her favorite book.
- 3. When I got to the bus stop, the bus had already left (leave) already.
- 4. They **had not finished** (not finish) their homework before the teacher checked it.
- 5. **Had** you **visited** (visit) London before you moved there?

Exercise 2: Match the two parts of the sentences

- 1. The children were dirty because **b. they had played in the mud.**
- 2. I couldn't find my keys because c. I had left them at school.
- 3. The garden looked beautiful because **e. my mom had planted new flowers.**
- 4. He was tired because d. he had worked all night.
- 5. She knew the answer because a. she had studied for the test.

Exercise 3: True or False?

- 1. She had went to the park before dinner. **False** (Correct form: She had gone to the park before dinner.)
- 2. We had eaten lunch before we went swimming. True
- 3. Had they seen the movie before? True
- 4. The dog had not catched the ball. **False** (Correct form: The dog had not caught the ball.)
- 5. My friend had already visited Paris. **True**

Exercise 4: Answer these questions

- 1. Had you done your homework before watching TV? (Yes) Yes, I had done my homework before watching TV.
- 2. Had they arrived at the party before you? (No) No, they had not arrived at the party before me.
- 3. Had the teacher explained the lesson before the test? (Yes) Yes, the teacher had explained the lesson before the test.
- 4. Had you visited a zoo before last year? (Write your true answer) **Example answer: Yes, I** had visited a zoo before last year. OR No, I had not visited a zoo before last year.
- 5. Had it stopped raining before you went outside? (No) No, it had not stopped raining before I went outside.

Exercise 5: Put the events in the correct order

- 1. 2 I ate breakfast. 1 I woke up.
- 2. 2 The movie started. 1 We bought tickets.
- 3. **2** She called her friend. **1** She finished her homework.
- 4. 2 The teacher arrived. 1 The students sat down.
- 5. **2** The sun came out. **1** It stopped raining.