

Past Perfect Simple or Past Perfect Continuous

Fill the gaps with either the past perfect simple or past perfect continuous.

1. By the time we got to the theatre the play _____ (*already / start*)
2. When Diane walked into the room she could tell that everyone _____ (*talk*) about her.
3. We were exhausted because we _____ (*walk*) around Manhattan all day.
4. Veronica and Harvey _____ (*only / know*) each other for six months when they got married.
5. When I saw Caroline this morning she looked like she _____ (*cry*).
6. They _____ (*only / live*) in California for a month when they experienced their first earthquake.
7. Even though Jeff _____ (*see*) the Grand Canyon before in photos, he was still amazed at the vastness of it.
8. I was so excited about going to Paris. I _____ (*never / be*) there before.
9. The science teacher asked Nora to explain the formula but she couldn't because she _____ (*not / listen*). She _____ (*stare*) out of the window instead.
10. By the time Jacqueline remembered that she _____ (*leave*) the juicy steak out on the kitchen table, her dog _____ (*already / discover*) it. Yum yum ! 😄

Answers

1. had already started
2. had been talking
3. had been walking
4. had only known
5. had been crying
6. had only been living
7. had seen
8. had never been
9. hadn't been listening / had been staring
10. had left / had already discovered