Supply a suitable SIMPLE PAST or PAST PERFECT TENSE:

1. My mother ______________ (worry) a lot about me before she ______________ (hear) that I was safe with my friends.

2. I didn’t like Romania; It ______________ (be) much smaller than I ______________ (expect).

3. By the time the firefighters ______________(arrive) the building ______________(already / burn) down.

4. They ______________ (go) to the cinema after they ______________ (finish) their dinner.

5. She ______________ just ______________ (enter) the room when the door ______________ (open) and Jason ______________ (enter).

6. His mother wanted to know why he ______________ just ______________ (not / study) his lessons the previous day.

7. After he ______________ (work) for the software company for two years he ______________ (decide) to give it up.

8. When I ______________ (arrive) at the station the train ______________ already ______________ (leave).
9. We _____________________ (live) in Italy before we _____________________ (move) to Spain.

10. By the time the meeting _____________________(finish), they _____________________ (leave) the room.
Past Simple or Past Perfect

Worksheet 1

Answers:

1. My mother had worried a lot about me before she heard that I was safe with my friends.

2. I didn’t like Romania; it was much smaller than I had expected

3. By the time the firefighters arrived the building had already burned down.

4. They went to the cinema after they had finished their dinner.

5. She had just entered the room when the door opened and Jason entered.

6. His mother wanted to know why he hadn’t studied his lessons the previous day.

7. After he had worked for the software company for two years he decided to give it up.

8. When I arrived at the station the train had already left.

9. We had lived in Italy before we moved to Spain.

10. By the time the meeting finished, they had left the room.