TENSES EXERCISES

*Intermediate/ Advanced*

**Mixed Tenses 4 (1)/Past Tense or Past Perfect 2 (2)**

**1)** Simple present – present progressive – simple past ? Fill in the correct tense.

Every summer our class **goes** (go) on a short trip. Last year we **went** (go) to a zoo. Our teacher **was** (be) very nervous. Teachers **are** (be) often nervous on a school trip. But why? We **don't understand** (not understand) that. I **took** (take) lots of photos of a baby elephant with my cell phone. "Why **didn't** you **take** (not take) photos of other animals, too?" my friend **asked** (ask) me. But I **didn't want** (not want) to take photos of other animals. I **wanted** (want) to take photos of all my friends. They **had** (have) some bananas and **showed** (show) them to the gorillas. "What **are** you **doing** (do) there? Come to me!" our teacher **shouted** (shout). We **found** (find) a nice place for a picnic. But nobody **ate** (eat) a banana, but the gorillas **had** (have) a nice lunch that day. It **was** (be) a great day at the zoo, and we **had** (have) a lot of fun.

**2)** Fill in past simple or past perfect simple.

1. After they **had seen** (see) the Tower, they **went** (go) to Westminster Abbey.  
2. He **asked** (ask) me which animals I **had seen** (see) in Africa.  
3. After Columbus **had discovered** (discover) America, he **returned** (return) to Spain.  
4. Before they **moved** (move) to Liverpool, they **had sold** (sell) everything.  
5. After he **had worked** (work) very hard, he **fell** (fall) ill.  
6. She **opened** (open) the box after she **had found** (find) the key.  
7. They **went** (go) to a restaurant after they **had sailed** (sail).  
8. Before they **started** (start) the party, they **had invited** (invite) some friends.  
9. After she **had washed** (wash) the curtains, she **cleaned** (clean) the windows.  
10. They **went** (go) for a sightseeing tour after the bus **had arrived** (arrive).  
11. Before he **mowed** (mow) the lawn, he **had picked** (pick) some roses.  
12. After he **had finished** (finish) school, he **worked** (work) for a magazine.  
13. They **drank** (drink) a cup of tea after they **had finished** (finish) lunch.  
14. He **had asked** (ask) me for her telephone number before he **phoned** (phone) her.  
15. My sister **had eaten** (eat) all the chocolate before my parents **came** (come) home.