

Past Perfect or Past Simple II

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2. When he (see) _____ his wife off at the station, he (return) _____ home as he (not, have) _____ to be at the airport till 9.30.
3. He (not, have) _____ to pack, for his wife (do, already) _____ that for him and his case (be) _____ ready in the hall.
4. He (not, have) _____ to check the doors and windows either, for his wife always (do) _____ that before she (leave) _____ the house.
5. All he (have) _____ to do was to decide whether or not to take his overcoat with him. In the end he (decide) _____ not to.
6. At 8.30 he (pick up) _____ his case, (go) _____ out of the house and (slam) _____ the door behind him.
7. Then he (feel) _____ in his pockets for the key, for his wife (remind) _____ him to double-lock the front door.
8. When he (search) _____ all his pockets and (find) _____ no key he (remember) _____ where it was.
9. He (leave) _____ it in his overcoat pocket.
10. Then he (remember) _____ something else; his passport and tickets (be) _____ in his overcoat pocket as well.
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14. However, he (tell) _____ me that I could buy tinned fog at a shop in Shaftesbury Avenue.
15. He (admit) _____ that he (never, buy) _____ fog there himself but (assure) _____ that they (sell) _____ good quality fog and that it (not, be) _____ expensive.
16. When the old lady (return) _____ to her flat she (see) _____ at once that burglars (break) _____ in during her absence, because the front door (be) _____ open and everything in the flat (be) _____ upside down.
17. The burglars themselves (be) _____ no longer there, but they probably (only just, leave) _____ because a cigarette was still burning on an ornamental table.
18. Probably they (hear) _____ the lift coming up and (run) _____ down the fire escape.
19. They (help) _____ themselves to her whiskey too but there (be) _____ a little left, so she (pour) _____ herself out a drink.
20. She (wonder) _____ if they (find) _____ her jewellery and rather (hope) _____ that they had.
21. The jewellery (be given) _____ her by her husband, who (die) _____ some years before.
22. Since his death she (not, have) _____ the heart to wear it, yet she (not, like) _____ to sell it.
23. Now it (seem) _____ that fate (take) _____ the matter out of her hands; and certainly the insurance money would come in handy.
24. I (put) _____ the £5 note into one of my books; but the next day it (take) _____ me ages to find it because I (forget) _____ which book I (put) _____ it into.
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26. I (think) _____ my train (leave) _____ at 14.33, and (be) _____ very disappointed when I (arrive) _____ at 14.30 and (learn) _____ that it (just, leave) _____.
27. I (find) _____ later that I (use) _____ an out-of-date timetable.
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29. He (wonder) _____ if someone (steal) _____ it or if the police (drive) _____ it away.
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31. He (be) _____ also hungry because he (had) _____ nothing to eat since breakfast.
32. His wife usually (bring) _____ him sandwiches at lunch time, but today for some reason she (not, come) _____.
33. He (keep) _____ looking at her, wondering where he (see) _____ her before.
34. I (look out) _____ before I (go) _____ to bed and (see) _____ a man standing on the opposite pavement watching the house.
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