

Past Perfect Trouble Answer Key

Model Responses

1. Emma **had left** the house early because she wanted to see her favorite band.
2. She couldn't enter the stadium because she **had left** her ticket on the kitchen table.
3. Her friends **had already gone** inside because they had tickets with them.
4. Emma felt frustrated because she **had forgotten** her ticket and missed the concert.
5. She didn't see her parents because they **had gone** to bed by the time she got home.

Teacher Notes/Guide

- **Focus:** This worksheet trains students to **explain causes and earlier events** using the past perfect tense.
- **Common Error:** Students may answer only in simple past ("She left her ticket at home"). Encourage them to use **had + past participle** ("She had left her ticket at home").
- **Tip for Differentiation:** Have stronger students write *two-part answers* ("She had left her ticket at home, so she couldn't enter the stadium").
- **Extension Idea:** Ask students to write a short continuation: "*What had Emma learned from this experience?*" This gives extra practice applying the tense in reflective writing.