

Past Perfect Finish Answer Key

(Note: Answers will vary. These are model completions to guide accuracy and sense-making.)

Starters

1. By the time the bell rang, I **had finished my test**.
2. She cried because she **had lost her wallet**.
3. After the players scored, the crowd realized they **had won the game**.
4. He was embarrassed because he **had forgotten his lines**.
5. By the time we reached the station, the train **had already left**.

Story Connections

6. The picnic was canceled because it **had rained all morning**.
7. I was excited because I **had passed the exam**.
8. She didn't join the trip since she **had injured her leg**.
9. The teacher smiled because the students **had completed their homework**.
10. We were exhausted because we **had worked all day**.

Creative Challenge (Sample endings)

11. By the time I opened the door, **they had already gone**. / **she had hidden behind it**.
12. He couldn't find his phone because **he had left it in the car**. / **someone had taken it**.
13. They celebrated because **they had achieved their goal**. / **their team had won the championship**.
14. She laughed when she remembered she **had made a silly mistake**. / **had danced in the rain**.
15. We felt nervous because we **had never been on stage before**. / **had forgotten the directions**.

Teaching Tip: Encourage students to use **time markers** (by the time, already, before, after) to strengthen their answers.