

## SIMPLE PAST VS. PAST PERFECT

Directions: Use the **simple past** or the **past perfect** of the verbs in parentheses. In some cases, both verb tenses are possible.

1. Yesterday, Tom (*go*) \_\_\_\_\_ to his daughter's ballet recital. He (*be, never*) \_\_\_\_\_ to a ballet recital before. He (*take, not*) \_\_\_\_\_ ballet lessons when he (*be*) \_\_\_\_\_ a child.
2. Last night, I (*eat*) \_\_\_\_\_ five servings of food at the buffet special dinner at the Hungry Heifer. Until that time, I (*eat, never*) \_\_\_\_\_ so much in one meal. I've felt miserable all day today.
3. Part A: I (*see*) \_\_\_\_\_ you in the town play last night. You (*do*) \_\_\_\_\_ a terrific acting job. (*you, act, ever*) \_\_\_\_\_ in a play before this one?  
Part B: Yes. I (*begin*) \_\_\_\_\_ acting when I was in grade school.
4. Last year, I (*go*) \_\_\_\_\_ mountain climbing for the first time in my life. It was exhilarating and terrifying at the same time. We (*move*) \_\_\_\_\_ carefully and slowly, and it (*take*) \_\_\_\_\_ four days to get to the summit. Imagine our surprise when we climbed onto the summit and found another group of climbers. They were having dinner and listening to Black Sabbath. We (*chuckle*) \_\_\_\_\_, and they (*invite*) \_\_\_\_\_ us to join them. The climb (*be*) \_\_\_\_\_, to say the least, an unforgettable experience.
5. A friend of mine, Judy Glass, is currently working in the international sales division at a car manufacturing company. She's just returned from a trip to South Korea. She was asked to go there because she can speak Korean. When she (*be*) \_\_\_\_\_ a business student at Penn State University, she (*study*) \_\_\_\_\_ Korean for four years. She (*have, never*) \_\_\_\_\_ the chance to use her Korean until she went to Seoul last month. While she was there, she (*speak*) \_\_\_\_\_ Korean every day and (*enjoy*) \_\_\_\_\_ every minute of it. She's eager to return.
6. When I first (*travel*) \_\_\_\_\_ abroad to study, I (*live, never*) \_\_\_\_\_ in a dormitory before. During the first year, I (*live*) \_\_\_\_\_ with a roommate from Sweden who (*become*) \_\_\_\_\_ a very good friend. Before that time, I (*live, never*) \_\_\_\_\_ with anybody from another culture.