

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate verb form.

1. By the time they found him, he

died

had died

Either could be used here

The past perfect is used to mean that something had already happened at the time we are talking about it.

2. He many years ago.

died

had died

has died

To simply state that something happened sometime ago we use the simple past tense.

3. By that time, everybody asleep.

was

had been

4. She told me that something to him.

happened

had happened

has happened

A simple past tense in the direct speech changes to past perfect tense in the indirect speech.

5. I about it until you mentioned it.

didn't think

hadn't thought

6. She him at once.

has recognized

recognized

had recognized

To simply state that something happened sometime ago we use the simple past tense.

7. I him yesterday.

saw

have seen

had seen

To simply state that something happened sometime ago we use the simple past tense.

8. He in 1960.

born

was born

had born

We use the simple past to talk about people's date or place of birth.

9. I enough time to finish the job.

didn't get

hadn't got

10. When I arrived at the party, everybody
home.

went

has gone

had gone

11. I wondered who the cat in.

let

had let

has let

The past perfect is common after past verbs of saying and thinking.

12. I thought I the money.

sent

have sent

had sent

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Answers

By the time they found him, he had died.

He died many years ago.

By that time, everybody was asleep.

She told me that something had happened to him.

I hadn't thought about it until you mentioned it.

She recognized him at once.

I saw him yesterday.

He was born in 1960.

I didn't get enough time to finish the job.

When I arrived at the party, everybody had already gone home.

I wondered who had let the cat in.

I thought I had sent the money.