Complete the sentences using the past or past perfect tense simple. Use the past perfect progressive if necessary.

1. We were all happy because we _______________ in our homework in time. (HAND)
2. Mrs Shilton _______________ a primary school teacher for twenty years before she became headmaster of the school. (BE)
3. When we got there, we saw that they _______________ for over 20 minutes. (REST)
4. We _______________ dance moves for over two hours, so you can imagine we were very tired. (PRACTICE)
5. The film _______________ when we finally got to the cinema. (ALREADY START)
6. By the time I _______________ to school the lesson had already started. (GET)
7. I _______________ up for a few minutes when the doorbell rang and our friends arrived. (ONLY WASH)
8. He _______________ about the accident before he saw it on TV. (HEAR)
9. I _______________ the office after I had finished writing my last email. (LEAVE)
10. The car _______________ down shortly after we had got on the motorway. (BREAK)
11. We _______________ for an hour when we finally arrived at the remote village. (WALK)
12. I saw the film after I _______________ the book. (READ)
13. I had already thought of that before you _______________ it up. (BRING)
14. She was so tired because she _______________ football the whole afternoon. (PLAY)
15. As soon as the girls had cleaned the house the visitors _______________. (ARRIVE)
16. By the time I was 16 I _______________ to become a scientist. (ALREADY DECIDE)
17. Suddenly I realised that I _______________ at the wrong person. He was absolutely innocent. (SHOUT)
18. I _______________ from my job because I had received an offer from another company. (RESIGN)
19. The teacher gave us a break because we _______________ on the project for several hours. (WORK)
20. After dad had finished mowing the lawn, he _______________ repairing the car. (START)
1. We were all happy because we **had handed** in our homework in time. *(HAND)*
2. Mrs Shilton **had been** a primary school teacher for twenty years before she became headmaster of the school. *(BE)*
3. When we got there, we saw that they **had been resting** for over 20 minutes. *(REST)*
4. We **had been practicing** dance moves for over two hours, so you can imagine we were very tired. *(PRACTICE)*
5. The film **had already started** when we finally got to the cinema. *(ALREADY START)*
6. By the time I **got** to school the lesson had already started. *(GET)*
7. I **had only been washing** up for a few minutes when the doorbell rang and our friends arrived. *(ONLY WASH)*
8. He **had heard** about the accident before he saw it on TV. *(HEAR)*
9. I **left** the office after I had finished writing my last email. *(LEAVE)*
10. The car **broke down** shortly after we had got on the motorway. *(BREAK)*
11. We **had been walking** for an hour when we finally arrived at the remote village. *(WALK)*
12. I saw the film after I **had read** the book. *(READ)*
13. I had already thought of that before you **brought** it up. *(BRING)*
14. She was so tired because she **had been playing** football the whole afternoon. *(PLAY)*
15. As soon as the girls had cleaned the house the visitors **arrived**. *(ARIVE)*
16. By the time I was 16 I **had already decided** to become a scientist. *(ALREADY DECIDE)*
17. Suddenly I realised that I **had been shouting** at the wrong person. He was absolutely innocent. *(SHOUT)*
18. I **resigned** from my job because I had received an offer from another company. *(RESIGN)*
19. The teacher gave us a break because we **had been working** on the project for several hours. *(WORK)*
20. After dad had finished mowing the lawn, he **started** repairing the car. *(START)*