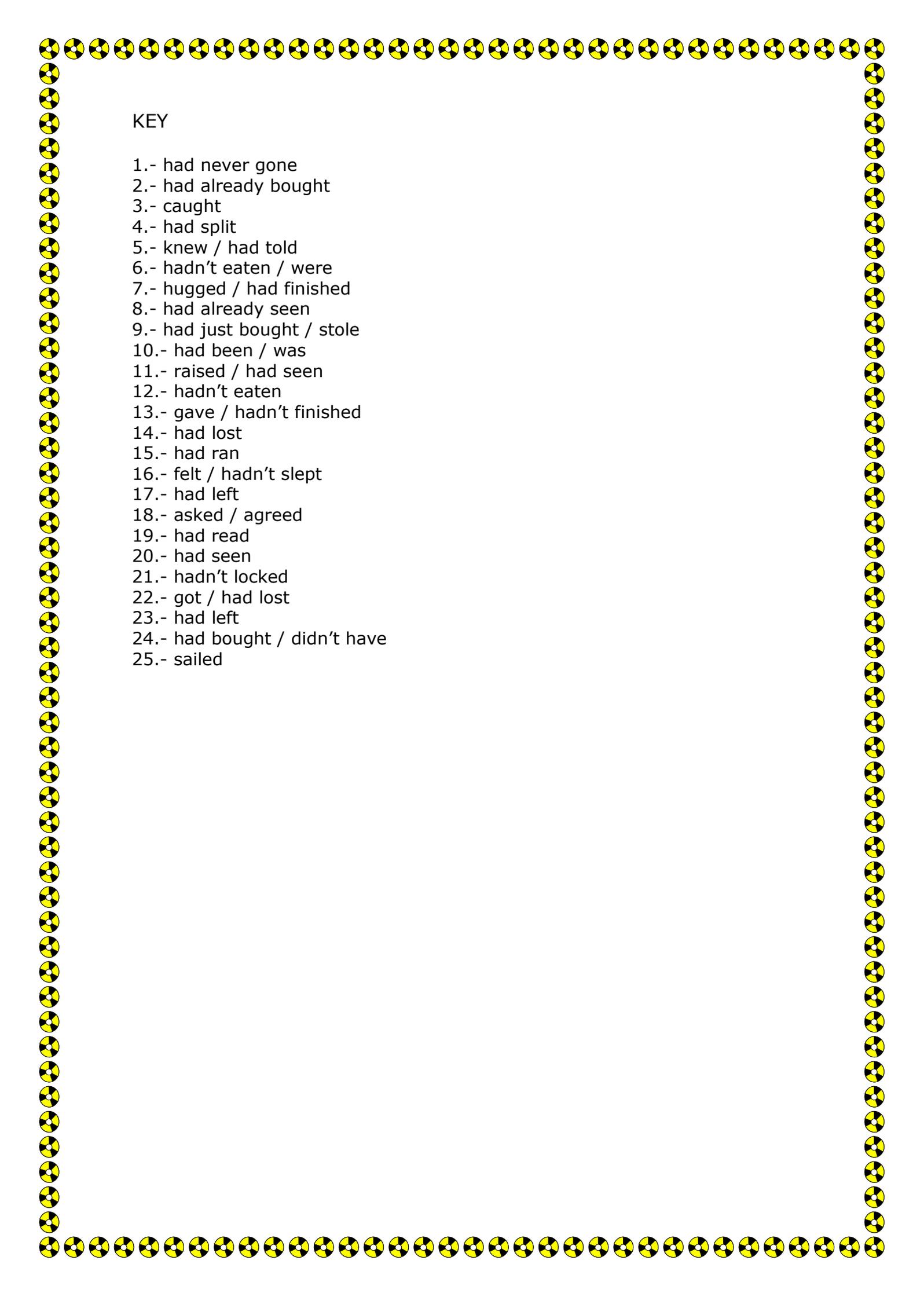


PAST SIMPLE vs PAST PERFECT

Complete the sentences with the Past Simple or Past Perfect of the verbs in brackets.

- 1.- My aunt flew to Paris last year. She _____ (never / go) on a plane before that.
- 2.- We didn't need to queue because my wife _____ (already / buy) the tickets
- 3.- The thieves had already spent the money when the police _____ (catch) them.
- 4.- Helen _____ (split up) with John before she met Paul.
- 5.- We _____ (know) her address because she _____ (tell) us.
- 6.- The children _____ (not eat) for days so they _____ (be) extremely hungry.
- 7.- Everyone _____ (hug) each other after they _____ (finish) their exams.
- 8.- She didn't want to go to the cinema because she _____ (already / see) the film.
- 9.- I _____ (just / buy) a dress when a thief _____ (steal) my bag.
- 10.- My niece _____ (go) to London three times by the time she _____ (be) sixteen.
- 11.- My students _____ (raise) some money after they _____ (see) a documentary on TV about Africa.
- 12.- It was half past three and we still _____ (not / eat) lunch.
- 13.- Our teacher _____ (give) us extra homework because we _____ (not finish) our essays.
- 14.- My father _____ (lose) his glasses and he couldn't read the newspaper.
- 15.- The car stopped because we _____ (run) out of petrol.
- 16.- He _____ (feel) very ill because he _____ (not sleep) well.
- 17.- By the time I met John, he _____ (leave) college.
- 18.- When I _____ (ask) her to help me, she _____ (agree).
- 19.- I thought I _____ (read) that book before, but I hadn't.
- 20.- I knew I _____ (see) her somewhere before.
- 21.- I was sure I _____ (not lock) the door.
- 22.- When we _____ (get) home my wife realized she _____ (lose) her purse.
- 23.- When we arrived at my parent's house, they _____ (leave)
- 24.- After I _____ (buy) my new computer, I discovered that I _____ (not have) enough money.
- 25.- The Vikings _____ (sail) to North America a thousand years ago.





KEY

- 1.- had never gone
- 2.- had already bought
- 3.- caught
- 4.- had split
- 5.- knew / had told
- 6.- hadn't eaten / were
- 7.- hugged / had finished
- 8.- had already seen
- 9.- had just bought / stole
- 10.- had been / was
- 11.- raised / had seen
- 12.- hadn't eaten
- 13.- gave / hadn't finished
- 14.- had lost
- 15.- had ran
- 16.- felt / hadn't slept
- 17.- had left
- 18.- asked / agreed
- 19.- had read
- 20.- had seen
- 21.- hadn't locked
- 22.- got / had lost
- 23.- had left
- 24.- had bought / didn't have
- 25.- sailed