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1. When I (arrive) at the station, the train (already, leave).
2. We (thank) the couple for everything they (do) to help save our daughter.
3. As soon as I (hear) the voice, I (realise) I (meet) the person before.
4. I (go) to the shop to buy the shirt I (see) the day before.
5. I (return) the book when I (finish) reading it.
6. I (not go) to bed until the film (finish).
7. The test (be) difficult because I (not study).
8. When Mr Smith (retire), he (run) the company for over forty years.
9. When I last (speak) to her, she still (not finish) her assignment.
10. We (apologise) for the inconvenience we (cause).
11. Our exam results (be) much better than we (expect).
12. We (go) to the cinema as soon as we (have) dinner.

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2. We *thanked* (thank) the couple for everything they *had done* (do) to help save our daughter.
3. As soon as I *heard* (hear) the voice, I *realised* (realise) I *had met* (meet) the person before.
4. I *went* (go) to the shop to buy the shirt I *had seen* (see) the day before.
5. I *returned* (return) the book when I *had finished* (finish) reading it.
6. I *did not go* / *didn't go* (not go) to bed until the film *had finished* (finish).
7. The test *was* (be) difficult because I *had not studied* / *hadn't studied* (not study).
8. When Mr Smith *retired* (retire), he *had run* (run) the company for over forty years.
9. When I last *spoke* (speak) to her, she still *hadn't finished* (not finish) her assignment.
10. We *apologised* (apologise) for the inconvenience we *had caused* (cause).
11. Our exam results *were* (be) much better than we *had expected* (expect).
12. We *went* (go) to the cinema as soon as we *had had* (have) dinner.