Exercise 29
Past Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in parentheses in simple past perfect tense.

Note: All of the past participles used in this exercise are regular.
(See note at exercise 28.)

Example: Vikings (invade) had invaded England long before the Angles and Saxons arrived.

1) Tonya (work) _______ _______ as a decorator before she opened her shop.
2) My daughter and I (enjoy) _______ _______ the ballet so much that we wanted to see it again.
3) The power supply (fail) _______ _______ during the night, so the house got cold.
4) You (call) _______ _______ earlier in the day, so we knew you were on your way.
5) The cat (scratch) _______ _______ a hole in the sofa before its owner noticed.
6) John and Nikki (start) _______ _______ their bakery long before the big one came to town.
7) The alligators at the edge of the pond (scare) _______ _______ us until we realized they were behind a fence.
8) The defense attorney (argue) _______ _______ before Judge Sanchez prior to last June’s trial.
9) The trumpet player (finish) _______ _______ his solo before the trombonist stood up.
10) Mark (behave) _______ _______ well at the playground, so his mother bought him a treat.