Exercise 30
Past Tense
Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in parentheses in **simple past perfect tense**.

**Note:** As noted in Exercise 28, when used in the *simple past perfect tense*, the past participle is often regular. In Exercises 28 and 29, we concentrated on the regular form. However, for **irregular** verbs, like the ones used in this exercise, the spelling and pronunciation gets changed.

**Example:** He *(wrote) had written* a book about bass fishing before he began the one on fishing boats.

1) You *(know) had known* about conditions in the Middle East long before you made that trip.
2) Robert *(begin) had begun* to research his family history a year before he visited Ireland.
3) The Kowalske family *(eat) had eaten* organic vegetables even before they planted their garden.
4) Before the treasure hunt started, Ryan's mother *(hide) had hidden* clues in the yard.
5) Jenna *(ride) had ridden* her bike 12 miles; now she was sore.
6) The geese *(fly) had flown* from Michigan to Florida before the first snow fell.
7) Mrs. Hughes *(fall) had fallen* several times in the past, so she decided to get a walker.
8) The choir *(sing) had sung* together many times before its tour of Europe last month.
9) Bill *(write) had written* three cookbooks before his book on baking with chocolate was released.
10) Olga was amused when Seventies styles returned; she *(wear) had worn* them since high school!