

Grammar Review

Past Perfect Tense

The past perfect tense is used to talk about the first of two past events and with stative verbs.

Subject	Verb to Have	Past Participle
I	had	walked
you	had	walked
he/she/it	had	walked
we	had	walked
they	had	walked

In the affirmative, we use the SuHaP structure: subject, verb to have in the past (affirmative) and the past participle. We can also contract the verb to have and the subject together.

Subject	Verb to Have (-)	Past Participle
I	hadn't	walked
you	hadn't	walked
he/she/it	hadn't	walked
we	hadn't	walked
they	hadn't	walked

In the negative, we use the same SuHaP structure, but the verb to have is used in the negative form. We can also contract the negative form of the verb to have.

Verb to Have	Subject	Past Participle
Had	I	walked?
Had	you	walked?
Had	he/she/it	walked?
Had	we	walked?
Had	they	walked?

There are two question forms in the present perfect. QuHaSuP, if you use a question word, and HaSuP, without a question word.

Question	Verb to Have	Subject	Past Participle
Where	had	I	walked?
	had	you	walked?
	had	he/she/it	walked?
	had	we	walked?
	had	they	walked?

The short response is yes or no, plus the subject and then the verb to have.

Response	Subject	Verb to Have
Yes	I	had
	you	had
	he/she/it	had
	we	had
	they	had

Response	Subject	Verb to Have
No	I	hadn't
	you	hadn't
	he/she/it	hadn't
	we	hadn't
	they	hadn't

PAST PARTICIPLE

- Normal rule (+ED): *talk* → *talked*
- CVC rule (double last consonant +ED): *stop* → *stopped*
Exceptions: last letter W, X or stress on first syllable (+ED only) *visit* → *visited*
- E rule (+D only): *dance* → *danced*
- C rule (+ K + ED): *picnic* → *picnicked*
- Consonant + Y rule (Eliminate Y + IED): *study* → *studied*
- Vowel + Y rule (+ ED): *play* → *played*

PRONUNCIATION of ED

Pronunciation of words ending in ED can be /t/, /d/ or /ɪd/. If the penultimate sound is an unvoiced sound, then ED is pronounced /t/. If the penultimate sound is a voiced sound then the ED is pronounced /d/. If the penultimate sound is the letter T or D, then ED is pronounced /ɪd/.

I had eaten I had not eaten I hadn't eaten

Stress of Past Perfect Phrases