



TO LEARN THE PAST  
PERFECT TENSE



## Past Perfect


# Past Perfect Tense

	Present Tense	Past Tense	Future Tense
Simple form	Present simple	Past simple	Future simple
Continuous form	Present continuous	Past continuous	Future continuous
Perfect form	Present perfect	Past perfect	Future perfect
Perfect Continuous form	Present perfect continuous	Past perfect continuous	Future perfect continuous

# Past Perfect Tense



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First event of two  
in the past



Stative verbs

# Past Perfect Tense



*When we arrived at the cinema, the film had already started*

*She moved to Barcelona after she had graduated*

*We had never tried sushi until yesterday*

# Past Perfect Tense



*When we arrived at the cinema, the film had already started*



# Past Perfect Tense



*She moved to Barcelona after she had graduated*





# Past Perfect Tense



Stative Verbs

*I had known her for a long time before she died*

*We had liked her until she was rude to us*

*I had always wanted to visit France but then we heard some bad things*

# Past Perfect Tense

I		
you		
he		
she		
it		
we		
they		

to read



# Past Perfect Tense

I	had	read
you	had	read
he	had	read
she	had	read
it	had	read
we	had	read
they	had	read

to read



# Past Perfect Tense

I		
you		
he		
she		
it		
we		
they		

to travel



# Past Perfect Tense

I	had	travelled
you	had	travelled
he	had	travelled
she	had	travelled
it	had	travelled
we	had	travelled
they	had	travelled

to travel



# Past Perfect Tense

I	had	travelled
you	had	travelled
he	had	travelled
she	had	travelled
it	had	travelled
we	had	travelled
they	had	travelled

to travel



# Past Perfect Tense

I	~~~~~	had	travelled
you	~~~~~	had	travelled
he	~~~~~	had	travelled
she	~~~~~	had	travelled
it	~~~~~	had	travelled
we	~~~~~	had	travelled
they	~~~~~	had	travelled

to travel



# Past Perfect Tense

I'd	travelled
you'd	travelled
he'd	travelled
she'd	travelled
it'd	travelled
we'd	travelled
they'd	travelled

to travel





# Past Perfect Tense

I		
you		
he		
she		
it		
we		
they		

to read



# Past Perfect Tense

I	had <b>NOT</b>	read
you	had <b>NOT</b>	read
he	had <b>NOT</b>	read
she	had <b>NOT</b>	read
it	had <b>NOT</b>	read
we	had <b>NOT</b>	read
they	had <b>NOT</b>	read

to read



# Past Perfect Tense

I	hadn't	read
you	hadn't	read
he	hadn't	read
she	hadn't	read
it	hadn't	read
we	hadn't	read
they	hadn't	read

to read



# Past Perfect Tense

Who What Where When Why How much	had	I	read?
	had	you	read?
	had	he	read?
	had	she	read?
	had	it	read?
	had	we	read?
	had	they	read?

to read



# Past Perfect Tense

Had	I	read?
Had	you	read?
Had	he	read?
Had	she	read?
Had	it	read?
Had	we	read?
Had	they	read?

to read



# Past Perfect Tense

Had you read before today's class?

Yes	I	
	you	
	he	
	she	
	it	
	we	
	they	

# Past Perfect Tense

Had you read before today's class?

Yes	I	had
	you	had
	he	had
	she	had
	it	had
	we	had
	they	had

# Past Perfect Tense

Had you read before today's class?

No	I	
	you	
	he	
	she	
	it	
	we	
	they	



# Past Perfect Tense

Had you read before today's class?

No	I	had not
	you	had not
	he	had not
	she	had not
	it	had not
	we	had not
	they	had not

# Past Perfect Tense

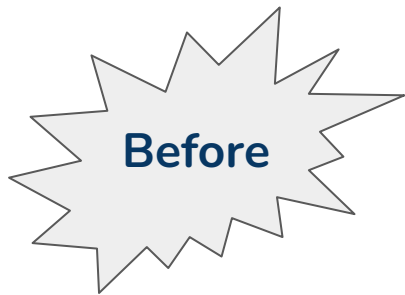
Had you read before today's class?

No	I	hadn't
	you	hadn't
	he	hadn't
	she	hadn't
	it	hadn't
	we	hadn't
	they	hadn't



**Before** is used with the past simple past of the sentence.

*The shop had closed before we arrived*



It confirms the order of the two events.



*The shop had closed before we arrived*



**After** is the exact opposite and it used with the past perfect part of the phrase.

*I got home after they had finished their homework*



It confirms the order of the two events.



*I got home after they had finished their homework*



This must be used with a time phrase after.

For	2 years
	3 months
	5 days



**For** explains how long the first event happened.

*I had been at university for 4 years when I left*





When

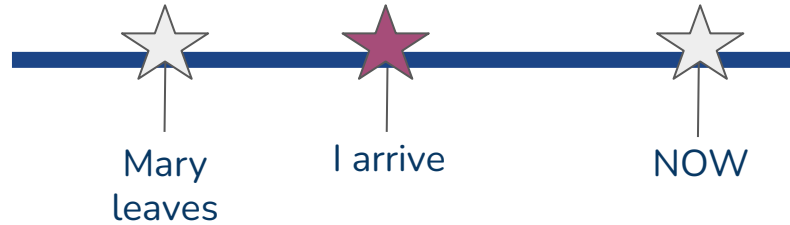
**When** is used with the past simple part of the sentence.

*Mary had left work when I arrived*



When

It confirms the order of the two events.



*Mary had left work when I arrived*



By the time

**By the time** is also used with the past simple part of the sentence.

*By the time* *I finished my degree, I had learnt a lot*

By the time

It confirms the order of the two events.



By the time I finished my degree, I had learnt a lot



We didn't seen the film before  
yesterday

## Past Perfect

**We didn't seen the film before  
yesterday**

Remember to use the correct auxiliary verb -  
had/ hadn't. With a sequence of two past events,  
the most past should be past perfect.

## Past Perfect



We didn't seen the film before  
yesterday

We hadn't seen the film  
before yesterday



He had gone to London recently



## Past Perfect

He had gone to London recently

Don't overuse the past perfect tense. Just because it's in the "far past" doesn't mean you use this tense. We use it for the most distant of two past events. For one event, use the past simple or present perfect.

## Past Perfect

He had gone to London recently



He had gone to London ...  
before he went to Paris



She had her makeup done before we  
went out

## Past Perfect



**She had her makeup done before we  
went out**

The verb “to have” in the past perfect is had had,  
don’t be afraid to use it”

## Present Perfect Continuous



She had her makeup done before we  
went out

She had had her makeup  
done before we went out

# Practice 1



# Past Perfect

Create sentences using the timelines.

Timelines

# Practice 1





# Past Perfect

Finish the sentence in a past perfect way

Sentences



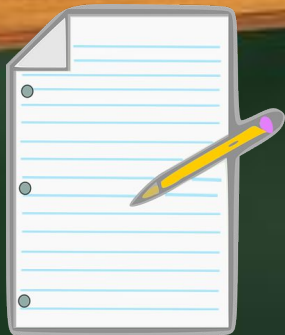
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# REVIEW



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# HOMEWORK

## COMPLETE PAST PERFECT QUIZ

Link:

<https://virtually-fluent.com/quizzes/past-perfect-quiz/>