

Past Perfect

Past Perfect had + past participle

Affirmative		Negative	
Long form	Short form	Long form	Short form
I had waited	I'd waited	I had not waited	I hadn't waited
You had waited	You'd waited	You had not waited	You hadn't waited
He had waited	He'd waited	He had not waited	He hadn't waited
She had waited	She'd waited	She had not waited	She hadn't waited
It had waited	It'd waited	It had not waited	It hadn't waited
We had waited	We'd waited	We had not waited	We hadn't waited
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Interrogative	Short answers
Had I waited?	Had I/you/he/she/it/we/you/they eaten lunch?
Had you waited?	Yes, I/you/he/she/it/we/you/they had.
Had he waited?	No, I/you/he/she/it/we/you/they hadn't.
Had she waited? etc	

Past Perfect is used:

- for a past action which happened before another past action or before a stated past time.



She **had already left** when I got home. She **had arrived** by 8 o'clock.

- for an action which finished in the past and whose result was visible in the past.



He was happy. He **had won** the race.

- as the past equivalent of Present Perfect.

She **isn't** in her office. She **has already left**. (before a present time)

She **wasn't** in her office. She **had already left**. (before a past time)

Time expressions used with Past Perfect

before, after, just, yet, already, for, since, ever, never, till / until, when, by, by the time, etc.

1. Circle the correct item.

1 When I he'd already left.

- a) arrived b) had arrived

2 I remembered I my money at home.

- a) left b) 'd left

3 He gave me something I before.

- a) hadn't read b) read

4 John before the party?

- a) Had you met b) Have you met

5 I returned because I the door.

- a) hadn't locked b) haven't lock

6 It good but I'd seen it before.

- a) was b) had been

7 Had you met her parents last week?

- a) after b) before

8 We late but the concert hadn't started.

- a) was b) were

9 She remembered she the TV on.

- a) 'd left b) 's left

10 The grass was wet because it heavily.

- a) rained b) had rained

2. Rewrite the following sentences.

- They graduated. Then they got married.
They *got married* as soon as they *had graduated*.
- They entered the restaurant. They were served.
After they the restaurant, they
- I did not use my credit card. I lost it.
I my credit card because I it.
- They did not tell me. Turkish Airlines cancelled the flight.
They me that Turkish Airlines the flight.
- I could not go out. I broke my leg.
I out because I my leg.
- He took up a job. He left school.
He up a job as soon as he school.
- She fell in love with him. They met in Antalya.
She in love with him after they in Antalya.

3. Circle the correct item.



It **was** / **is** 11 o'clock. Carol Parker **arrived** / **had arrived** at the Shaw Hotel five minutes before. She **was trying** / **had been trying** to find the hotel all evening. Carol **had never been** / **has never been** to Dublin. She **has** / **had** a detailed map in her suitcase, but she could not read it. She **called** / **had called** the reception and **had asked** / **has asked** about the way, but it **had not helped** / **didn't help** her.
Finally, Carol **was standing** / **had stood** in front of the hotel. She was dying for a cup of tea and a hot shower.

4. Choose the correct answer.

- When did you find him?
a) After I called him.
b) After I had called him.
- Why didn't he do his homework?
a) He has forgotten about it.
b) He had forgotten about it.
- When did you make your reservation?
a) After I had checked the information.
b) After I checked the information.
- How did she recognize you?
a) I had sent her my photo.
b) I sent her my photo.
- Where have you been?
a) I had worked in England.
b) I have worked in England.
- Was the exam over when you were leaving?
a) Yes. We had answered all the questions.
b) Yes. We answered all the questions.
- Why didn't he hear the telephone?
a) He was watching TV.
b) He had watched TV.

5. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form of the **past perfect** as in the example:

- Fenerbahçe fans were excited because their team *had won* (win).
- the burglars (get away) by the time the police arrived?
- After Jane (finish) studying, she went out with some friends.
- The students left the classroom because the bell (ring).
- Rick (not/finish) the report by the time his boss returned.
- After they (put up) their tents, they made a fire.
- They (do) their homework before they went to the park.

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Note the difference:



When he came home, she had already had dinner.
(She had dinner and then he came.)

Past Simple



When he came home, they had dinner together.
(He came home and then they had dinner.)

7. Underline the correct item.



1 Tom / make a wish - blow out the candles

After Tom had made a wish, he blew out the candles.
Before Tom blew out the candles, he had made a wish.



2 He / take umbrella - go outside

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3 Tony / watch his favourite programme - sleep

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4 The boys / play rugby - ride their bikes home

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5 They / save enough money - buy a house

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6. Fill in the past simple or the past perfect, then state which action happened first.

- The patient had died (die) before the ambulance reached (reach) the hospital.
first action: The patient had died
- Kevin (eat) all the cakes by the time the other children (arrive) at the party.
first action:
- When I (arrive) at the station, the train (leave).
first action:
- We (light) the candles because the lights (go off).
first action:
- When I got home I (discover) that somebody (break into) my flat.
first action:
- They (do) their homework before they (go) to the park.
first action:

8. Complete the sentences using the past perfect. Use the verbs in the list.

• ~~finish~~ • pass • tidy • leave • lose • start

- I watched TV after I had finished my homework.
- It began to rain after I
- My best friend was excited because he
- By the time my mum got home, I
- When I walked into the classroom,
- I was sad because I