



PAST PERFECT 1



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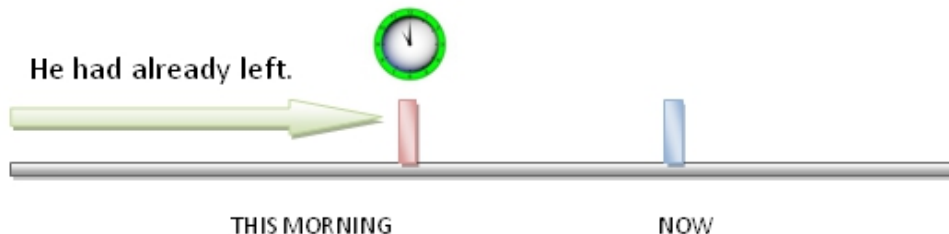


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Presentation

The **past perfect simple** (*had + past participle*) is used to talk about past actions or situations that happened before a specific time in the past.

I arrived at Jack's house at 11am this morning. When I arrived, he **had** already left.



USE 1 We often use the **past perfect** with the **past simple** to talk about something that happened before an event in the past:

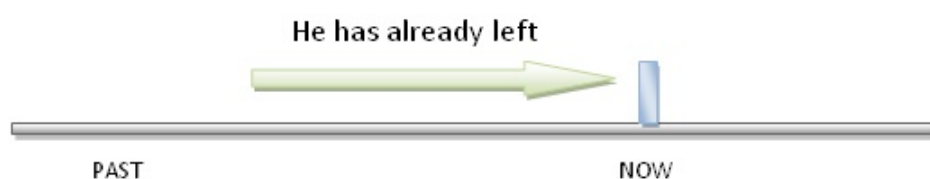
I **tried** to call Anne but she **had lost** her phone.

Tom **was** late because he **had been stuck** in traffic.

When I **turned on** the TV, the match **had** already **started**.

USE 2 The **past perfect** is the past of the **present perfect** (*have/has + past participle*). We use the present perfect to talk about actions or situations that happened before or up to **now**:

Jack isn't at home right now. He **has** already left.





USE 3 We often use the **past perfect** with time expressions such as *already, just, since, for, never*, etc.:

We got divorced last year. We'd **been** married **for** nearly ten years.

When I called Josie, she'd **just finished** her homework.

I sold my car yesterday. I'd **had** it **since** 2005.

NOTE: We normally say 'd *had* instead of *had had*.

2**Practice 1 - Changes before the past**

Look at the pictures of the actress Marilyn Monroe in 1945 and 1957. Look at the picture on the right and complete the sentences below.

**become****be married****dye****change****earn****receive**

1. She _____ a famous actress.
2. She _____ her hair blond.
3. She _____ her name.
4. She _____ twice.
5. She _____ a number of awards for her performances.
6. She _____ a lot of money.



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Practice 2 - Present perfect, past perfect or past simple

Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form, past perfect, present perfect or past simple:

1. When we arrived at the cinema, the film _____ (already/start).
2. Until then, it _____ (hardly ever/rain).
3. I _____ (graduate) from university in 2001.
4. While we were travelling in Argentina, we _____ (come across) a wonderful small town full of chocolate shops.
5. I _____ (be) stuck in traffic for half an hour this morning.
6. It was my first time in Scotland. I _____ (never/be) there before.
7. I _____ (never/visit) London. What's it like?
8. When you called me, I _____ (just/finish) cooking dinner.
9. Their kitchen is really dirty. They _____ (not/clean) it for weeks.
10. Their kitchen was really dirty. They _____ (not/clean) it for weeks.
11. _____ (you/see) the match last night?
12. I didn't want to go to that restaurant because I _____ (eat) there so many times.
13. I'm full. I _____ (eat) too much.
14. I _____ (not/want) a dessert because I'd eaten too much.



Key

2. Practice 1 - Changes before the past

1. had become
2. had dyed
3. had changed
4. had been married
5. had received
6. had earned

3. Practice 2 - Present perfect, past perfect or past simple

Note: the past participle of 'go' is 'been' or 'gone'. If the meaning is 'visit', we use 'been', e.g. 'I'd been to Tokyo five times before that year.' If the meaning is 'leave', we use 'gone', e.g. 'Mark was not there. He'd gone home.'

1. had already started
2. had hardly ever rained
3. graduated
4. came across
5. was
6. 'd never been
7. 've never visited
8. 'd just finished
9. haven't cleaned
10. hadn't cleaned
11. Did you see
12. 'd eaten
13. 've eaten
14. didn't want