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PAST PERFECT TENSE

The Past Perfect tense in English is composed of two parts: the past tense of the verb to have (**had**) + the **past participle** of the main verb.

had + past participle

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S + had + past participle + ...



She had finished.

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S + had not + past participle + ...



She hadn't finished.

had not = hadn't

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Had + S + past participle + ...?



Had she finished?

Use

Action finished before another past action



Richard **had gone** out when his wife arrived in the office.

Action happened before a specific time in the past



Christine **had never been** to an opera before last night.

Action started in the past and continued up to a given time in the past



We **had owned** that car for ten years before it broke down.

Cause and effect (combine with past simple)



I got stuck in traffic because there **had been** an accident.

Emphasize the result of an activity in the past



I **had been** to London twice by the time I got a job in New York.

Time Expressions

already, yet, for, since, just, after, before, until, the moment that...



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Chapter 5. Past Perfect Tense

I. Give the form of the verbs

Verb	Past Simple	Past Participle
Be	Was/were	been
Break		
Build		
Buy		
Come		
Do		
eat		
Feel		
Find		
Forget		
Get		
Give		
Go		
Grow		
Have		
Hear		
Hold		
Keep		
Know		
Leave		



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II. Give the correct form of the verbs in Past Perfect Tense.

1. The storm destroyed the sandcastle that we _____ (build).
2. He _____ (not / be) to Cape Town before 1997.
3. When she went out to play, she _____ (do / already) her homework.
4. My brother ate all of the cake that our mum _____ (make) .
5. The doctor took off the plaster that he _____ (put on) six weeks before.
6. The waiter brought a drink that I _____ (not / order).