

GRAMMAR

Past perfect

*Do you remember photographer Anand Varma?
He was interviewed by a very famous magazine,
and here we have some of the things he
mentioned in this interview.*



Look at the tense of the underlined verb in each sentence. Is the sentence in the past simple (S), present perfect (P) or past perfect (PP)?

- 1 By the time I had found a job, I didn't have any money left.
- 2 I did not go to university straight after school; I took a gap year.
- 3 My friend has had a job at a bookshop since last summer.
- 4 The job market had already become worse when returned from travelling.
- 5 My girlfriend stayed here and helped her grandparents after she graduated.
- 6 I hadn't seen the job ad before Fay told me about it.
- 7 The company had advertised my job online.
- 8 My cousins and I went to the beach every day last summer

Read the sentences. Which action happened first (1) and which happened second (2)?

- 1) Before I went to university, I had been to school in her town.

go to university:

go to school:

- 2) Before they planted the seeds, we had prepared the soil.

plant seeds:

prepare soil:

3) Before they saw the film, they had read the book.

see film:

read book:

4) After she had read the online job ad, she updated her CV.

read job ad:

update CV:

5) He enjoyed his job after his manager had promoted him.

enjoy job:

get promotion:

6) She fixed the software bug after she had identified the error in the code.

fix software bug:

identify error:

Correct the mistakes with the past perfect in the sentences.

1 Before I had ate dinner, I had finish all my work.

2 Before the meeting, the manager prepare a schedule.

3 Before we had cooked lunch, we had buy all the ingredients.

4 He creates a fan website for his favourite band after he had saw a fan site for another band.

5 Had you meet before I had introduce you yesterday?

6 Hadn't you do any preparation before you go to the interview?