

PAST PERFECT

El "past perfect" hace referencia a un tiempo **anterior al pasado reciente**. Se emplea para señalar que **un evento ocurrió antes que otro** en el pasado. No importa cuál de los eventos se mencione primero, porque el tiempo verbal deja claro el orden temporal en que acontecieron.

En estos ejemplos, el Evento A es el que primero ocurrió y el Evento B tuvo lugar a continuación, es el más reciente:

Evento A	Evento B
John had gone out	when I arrived in the office.
Evento A	Evento B
I had saved my document	before the computer crashed.
Evento B	Evento A
When they arrived	we had already started cooking.
Evento B	Evento A
He was very tired	because he hadn't slept well.

"Past perfect" + just

'Just' se utiliza con el "past perfect" para referirse a un evento acontecido muy poco antes de otro evento situado en el pasado, e.g.

The train **had just left** when I arrived at the station.

She **had just left** the room when the police arrived.

I **had just put** the washing out when it started to rain.

Formación del "past perfect"

En inglés, el "past perfect" está compuesto por dos partes: el pasado del verbo *to have* (*had*) + el "past participle" del verbo principal.

AFFIRMATIVE FORM			
I			
You			
He			
She			
It	had	eaten	(before the taxi arrived).
We			
You			
They			

NEGATIVE FORM			
I			
You			
He			
She	had not/ hadn't	studied	(when the teacher came).
It			
We			
You			
They			

INTERROGATIVE FORM			
Had		washed	(before the contest)?
		the clothes	

ANSWERS			
YES,		had	
NO,		hadn't	

● Study the boxes above. Then, complete the sentences.

- A: Had Jim ever (*fly*) flown before his flight last week?
B: Yes, he _____.
- A: _____ your sister (*eat*) _____ breakfast before she left?
B: No, she _____.
- James said he _____ already (*see*) _____ the movie last year.
- I got lost because I (*forget*) _____ to bring a map.
- They (*not study*) _____ English before last year.
- She (*live*) _____ in Leeds before she moved to London.
- The baby (*fall asleep*) _____ before eight o'clock.
- I (*not think*) _____ of that question before.
- Sue got wet because she (*not bring*) _____ an umbrella.
- He (*own*) _____ his car for a year before he sold it.
- I didn't notice that the traffic light (*turn*) _____ red.
- He (*order*) _____ rice, but the waiter served him soup.