

# Past perfect

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## Past Perfect Tense

The form of the past perfect tense is **had+ past participle** of the verb.

**Example:**

When we reached the school,  
the bell had already rung.  
(The ringing of the bell  
happened first.)



1.- Put the verbs in brackets into the past perfect tense.

- 1.- The neighbors ..... already ..... the fire when the fire brigade came. (put out)
- 2.- I did not go for the party since I ..... not ..... an invitation. (receive)
- 3.- The car ..... round the corner before I could see who the driver was. (disappear)
- 4.- My friend said that she ..... the pen. (lose)
- 5.- When I went home I discovered that the cats ..... up my lunch. (eat)
- 6.- The teacher wanted to know who ..... the windowpane. (break)
- 7.- When I met him last week, I suddenly realized that I ..... not ..... him for many years. (see)
- 8.- The motorist ..... by the time the ambulance arrived. (die)
- 9.- He said that he .....just ..... the news. (read)
- 10.- The girl told us that she ..... her way. (lose)



# PAST SIMPLE OR PAST PERFECT?



We use the **PAST SIMPLE** to talk about completed actions in the past:

*I **got up** at seven o'clock.*

We use the **PAST PERFECT** to talk about actions that happened **before** other actions in the past. We use the **PAST SIMPLE** to talk about more recent actions.

*When I **arrived** home, my parents **had already eaten**.*

## 2. Choose the correct alternative:

- a) When my sister **arrived/had arrived** home yesterday, my parents **went/had gone** to bed.
- b) The train **left/had already left** when I **got/had got** to the station.      Ç
- c) The film **started/had started** when David **came/had come** to the cinema.
- d) He **passed/had passed** his exams because he **worked/had worked** hard.
- e) Jane **felt/had felt** disappointed because Josh **forgot/had forgotten** her birthday.
- f) Lisa **went/had gone** out after she **chose/had chosen** a dress.
- g) She **looked/had looked** gorgeous because she **picked/had picked** her best dress.
- h) She **put on/had put on** her dress after she **ironed/had ironed** it.



## 3. Join the sentences changing one verb into the past simple and one into the past perfect:

- a) (first) Our team played well. (then) Our team won.  
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- b) (first) We won the match. (then) We went to celebrate our victory.  
After .....
- c) (first) We won. (then) I phoned my parents to tell them the good news.  
Because .....
- d) (first) I called my girlfriend. (then) I met my teammates in the restaurant.  
Before .....
- e) (first) My girlfriend sat at our table. (then) I arrived at the restaurant.  
Before .....







### 3. Past simple or past perfect?

- When I \_\_\_\_\_ (phone) Anne, she \_\_\_\_\_ (already/leave).
- The kids \_\_\_\_\_ (turn off) the TV because their favorite program \_\_\_\_\_ (finish)
- The plane \_\_\_\_\_ (already/land) when we \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) to the airport
- When I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) Mary, her parents \_\_\_\_\_ (already/tell) her the bad news.
- Jane \_\_\_\_\_ (already/swim) in the swimming pool when her husband \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) and \_\_\_\_\_ (give) her bunch of roses.
- When Ted \_\_\_\_\_ (give) Jane the flowers, they \_\_\_\_\_ (not/celebrate) their wedding anniversary yet.
- Jane \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) all the champagne before Ted \_\_\_\_\_ (come).

### 4. Join the sentences using both the past simple and the past perfect:

- I studied hard. I passed my geography exam. (because)
- We did our homework. We watched TV. (after)
- I washed the dishes. Mum cooked dinner. (because)
- John arrived at the party. We left. (By the time that)
- We called the police. The burglar escaped through the window. (before)
- I did the shopping. I did the laundry. (after)

