



# 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.

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?

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

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

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

