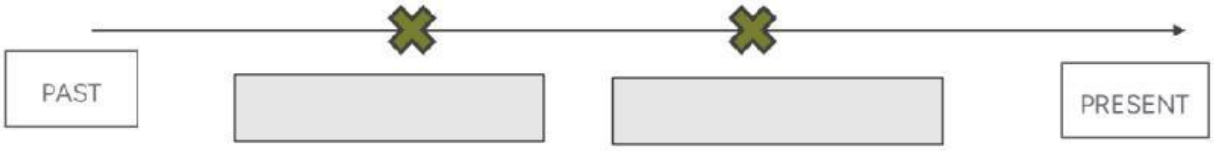
B2 (FCE)
Past Perfect Simple and Continuous

Past Perfect Simple

I. Read the two sentences below and put the underlined actions in the correct order on the timeline.

A. At the top, we **saw** another couple. The man **had sprained** his ankle.



B. When our son turned one, we **went** to Rome, the place where we **had travelled** to on our honeymoon.



→ We use the Past Perfect Simple to describe an action which happened **before / after** another action in the past.

→ When we use the Past Perfect Simple, there are **always / never** two actions.

→ We use Past Perfect Simple (had + 3rd form) for the action which happened **first / second** in the past, and Past Simple (2nd form) for the action which happened **first / second** in the past.

II. Form

Affirmative [+]: SUBJECT + HAD + VERB 3 (third form)

By the time we reached the airport gate, our flight _____ already _____ (depart).

Negative [-]: SUBJECT + HAD + NOT + VERB 3

They got lost during their hike because they _____ (not / take) an offline map.

Questions [?]: HAD + SUBJECT + VERB 3 ?

_____ you _____ (pack) your passport before you left for the airport?

III. Fill in the gaps so the sentences are true for you. Use **Past Perfect Simple** (*had + 3rd form*):

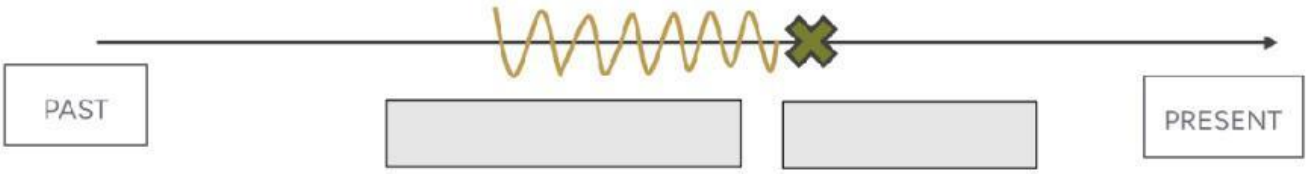
- By the time I started my English class today, I _____ already _____.
- When I got home yesterday, my parents _____ already _____.

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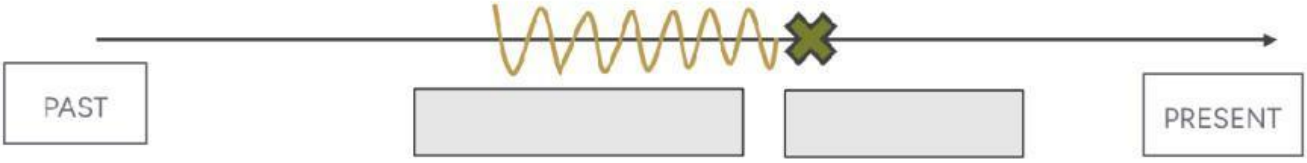
Past Perfect Continuous

IV. Read the two sentences below and put the <u>underlined</u> actions in the correct order on the timeline.

A. I **<u>had been washing</u>** the car for two hours when it **<u>started</u>** to rain.



B. When we got home, the baby **<u>had been crying</u>** for so long that he **<u>fell asleep</u>** straight away.



→ We use the Past Perfect Continuous to describe an action which was **finished / in progress** for some time before another action in the past.

→ When we use the Past Perfect Continuous, there are **always / never** two actions.

→ We use **Past Simple / Past Perfect Continuous** (had + been + verb-ing) for the action which was in progress for some time and **Past Simple / Past Perfect Continuous** (2nd form) for the action that happened right after.

V. Form

Affirmative [+]: SUBJECT + HAD + BEEN + VERB-ing

The group _____ (stand) in the rain for an hour before the guide arrived.

Negative [-]: SUBJECT + HAD + NOT + BEEN + VERB-ing

She felt exhausted because she _____ (not / sleep) well on the flight.

Questions [?]: HAD + SUBJECT + BEEN + VERB-ing ?

_____ they _____ (travel) for months before running out of money?

VI. Fill in the gaps so the sentences are true for you. Use **Past Perfect Continuous** (*had been + verb-ing*):

- I was very tired last night because I _____ _____ _____ for hours.
- I got a bad grade on the test because I _____ _____ _____ instead of studying.

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