



# Past Perfect

We use the past perfect when we are already talking about the past and we 'go back' to say that something had happened before.

THE FORM	USAGE
had / hadn't + the past participle I had done it. She hadn't done it. Had they done it?	Study the examples: She was afraid because she had never flown before. After we had done our HW, we went to bed. They had left before I could say anything.

Match the sentence halves using the past simple and past perfect. Use *WHEN* or *AFTER*.  
e.g. After / when they had done their HW, they could play PC games.

Mandy could leave the hospital.  
I finished reading the magazine.  
They could play PC games.  
She painted the hall and the kitchen.  
Lisa tried on five sweaters.

She finally took the red one.  
They did their homework.  
I lent it to Sophie.  
She completely recovered.  
Sandy got herself a cup of coffee.



Finish the sentences using the past perfect:

1. I didn't want to see her because....
2. When I called for the job...
3. By the time the film finished...
4. Did you go home after ...?

Answer the questions using the past perfect:

1. Why did you know the ending of the movie?
2. Why wasn't she at the party?
3. Why were they hungry?

Rewrite the sentences using the past simple and past perfect:

1. We (not recognize) her. She (cut) her hair.
2. She (be) very upset because he (not answer) her e-mails.
3. I (know) my wife for 5 years before we finally (marry) in 2009.
4. The film already (start) when we (arrive).
5. The patient (feel) better after he (drink) the tea.

