

PERFECT TENSES

THE PAST PERFECT SIMPLE VS THE PAST PERFECT PROGRESSIVE

PAST PERFECT SIMPLE

HAD + PAST PARTICIPLE

Expresses a past action already finished, when another past action happened

"I met this anthropologist after he had discovered the ruins"



PAST PERFECT PROGRESSIVE

HAD BEEN + V-ING

Describes a past action that took place before another action in the past emphasizing the duration of it.

"The archeologists had been digging there for two months when one of them had an accident"

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. The group of researchers.....(wait) for years to discover something so everybody was glad when it finally.....(happen)
2. Why.....(be) the team so tired? They.....(dig) all morning.
3. The citizens from Ankara.....(know) the old pharaohs.....(leave) much evidence about the burial rituals.
4. The museum director(talk/already) with some journalists before his employees.....(finish) arranging the exhibit.
5. By the time the exhibition(be) ready, it.....(sell) all the tickets.
6. Statistics.....(show) that these discoveries.....(be) of great importance for human kind.

