

# Past Perfect

Basic 5


**S + had + past participle + ...**

She had finished the test.


**S + had not/hadn't + past participle + ...**

She hadn't finished the test.


**Had + S + past participle + ...?**

Had she finished the test?

## Practice



### A. Put the verbs into the correct form (past perfect simple).

- The storm destroyed the sandcastle that we (build) had built.
- He (not / be) \_\_\_\_\_ to Cape Town before 1997.
- When she went out to play, she (do / already) \_\_\_\_\_ her homework.
- My brother ate all of the cake that our mum (make) \_\_\_\_\_.
- The doctor took off the plaster that he (put on) \_\_\_\_\_ six weeks before.
- The waiter brought a drink that I (not / order) \_\_\_\_\_.
- I could not remember the poem we (learn) \_\_\_\_\_ last week.
- The children collected the chestnuts that (fall) \_\_\_\_\_ from the tree.
- (He / phone) \_\_\_\_\_ Angie before he went to see her in London?
- She (not / ride) \_\_\_\_\_ a horse before that day.

### B. Change the verbs to past perfect or past simple.

- First: Carlos ate breakfast. Then: Raul called.  
Carlos (eat) \_\_\_\_\_ already \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast **by the time** Raul (call) \_\_\_\_\_.
- First: I made my bed. Then: I went to bed.  
I (go) \_\_\_\_\_ to bed **after** I (make) \_\_\_\_\_ my bed.
- First: Beatriz **did** the laundry. Then: She turned on the TV.  
Beatriz (turn) \_\_\_\_\_ on the TV **after** she (do) \_\_\_\_\_ the laundry.
- First: David **threw** the football. Then: Luis fell down.  
Luis (fall) \_\_\_\_\_ down **after** David (throw) \_\_\_\_\_ the football.
- First: I bought a dress. Then: My mother found a really good price.  
**After** I (buy) \_\_\_\_\_ already, \_\_\_\_\_ a dress my mother (find) \_\_\_\_\_ a really good price.
- Last night I started to cook at 1:30. At 3:00, My husband got home.  
**By the time** my husband (get) \_\_\_\_\_ home, I (cook) \_\_\_\_\_ already \_\_\_\_\_.
- Yesterday Maria cleaned the house and then she went to work.  
Maria (go) \_\_\_\_\_ to work **after** she (clean) \_\_\_\_\_ the house.
- Peter was late. **By the time** he (get) \_\_\_\_\_ to the theatre, the movie (start) \_\_\_\_\_ already.
- The teacher (give) \_\_\_\_\_ an exam **by the time** I (arrive) \_\_\_\_\_ at school.
- We (play) \_\_\_\_\_ cards for several hours **after** the children (go) \_\_\_\_\_ to bed.

### C. Read the sentences and choose the correct alternative

1. When I \_\_\_\_\_ dinner, I \_\_\_\_\_ TV for a while.  
 a) finished . . . watched                      b) finished . . . had watched  
 c) had finished . . . watched                d) had finished . . . had watched
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ in the door when the phone \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) had just walked . . . had rung            b) had just walked . . . rang  
 c) just walked . . . had rung                  d) just walked . . . Rang
3. Bob \_\_\_\_\_ in several other states when he \_\_\_\_\_ to move to California.  
 a) had worked . . . had decided            b) worked . . . had decided  
 c) worked . . . decided                        d) had worked . . . decided
4. When they \_\_\_\_\_, Joe and Nancy \_\_\_\_\_ each other for three months.  
 a) got married . . . had only known        b) had got married . . . only knew  
 c) got married . . . only knew                d) had got married . . . had only known
5. Tom \_\_\_\_\_ his car for only a short time when it \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) had had . . . had been stolen            b) had . . . had been stolen  
 c) had had . . . was stolen                    d) had . . . was stolen

### D. Read the situations and write sentences from the words in brackets.

1. You went to Jill's house but she wasn't there. (she/go/out) She had gone out.
2. You went back to your home town after many years. It wasn't the same as before.  
 (it/change/a lot) \_\_\_\_\_
3. I invited Rachel to the party but she couldn't come.  
 (she/arrange/to do something else) \_\_\_\_\_
4. You went to the cinema last night. You arrived at the cinema late.  
 (The film/already/begin) \_\_\_\_\_
5. I was very pleased to see Tim again after such a long time.  
 (I/not/see/him for five years) \_\_\_\_\_

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