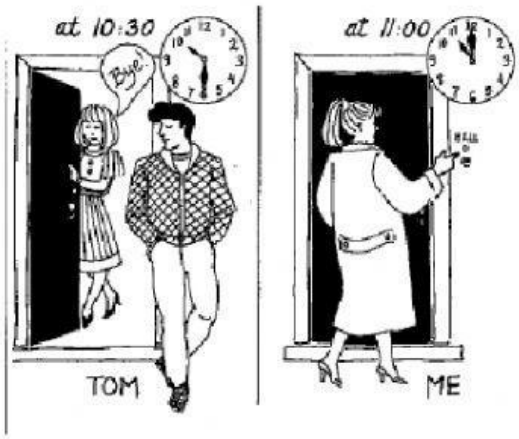
PAST PERFECT

Study this example situation:



I went to a party last week. Tom went to the party too. Tom went home at 10:30. So, when I arrived at 11:00, Tom wasn't there.

When I arrived at the party, Tom wasn't there. He **had gone** home.

This is the *past perfect (simple)* tense:

I/he/she (etc.) **had** (= I'**d** / he'**d** / she'**d**, etc.) **gone**
I/he/she (etc.) **hadn't gone**
had you/he/she (etc.) **gone**?

We form the past perfect with **HAD + VERB (*past participle*)**

Sometimes we talk about something that happened in the past:

- I **arrived** at the party.

We use the past perfect to say that something had already happened before this time:

- When I **arrived** at the party, Tom **had** already **gone** home.

Here are some more examples:

- When I **got** home, I found that someone **had broken into** my apartment and **had stolen** my fur coat.
- George **didn't want** to come to the movies with us because he **had** already **seen** the film twice.
- It **was** my first time in an airplane. I **was** very nervous because I **had** never **flown** before.

The past perfect *(I had done)* is the past of the present perfect *(I have done)*. Compare these situations:

Present	*Past*
I'm not hungry. I've just **had** lunch.	I wasn't hungry. I'**d** just **had** lunch.
The house is dirty. We **haven't cleaned** it for weeks.	The house was dirty. We **hadn't cleaned** it for weeks.

Compare the past perfect *(I had done)* and the past simple *(I did)*:

1. "Was Tom there when you **arrived**?" '**No**, he **had** already **gone** home.'
2. "Was Tom there when you **arrived**?" '**Yes**, but he **went** home soon.



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PRACTICE

1. **Complete the sentences using the verbs in brackets. Imagine you went back to your home town after many years, and you found many things different.**

a. My best friend, Kevin, was no longer there. He _____ (go) away.

b. The local movie theatre was no longer open. It _____ (close) down.

c. Mr. Johnson was no longer alive. He _____ (die).

d. I didn't recognize Mrs Johnson. She _____ (change) a lot.

e. Bill no longer had his car. He _____ (sell) it.

2. **Complete the sentences as in the example. Use the verbs in brackets.**

Mr. and Mrs. Davis were in an airplane. They were nervous as the plane took off because they (never/fly) ***had never flown before*** *.*

a. The woman was a complete stranger to me. I (never / see) _____ before.

b. Margaret was late for work. Her boss was very surprised because she (never / be / late) _____ before.

c. Jane played tennis yesterday – at least she tried to play tennis. She wasn't very good at it because she (never / play) _____ before.

d. It was Carl's first driving lesson. He was very nervous, and he didn't know what to do. He (never / drive) _____ before.

3. **Put the verbs into the correct for: Past simple or Past perfect.**

a. The house was very quiet when I got home. Everybody _____ (go) to bed.

b. I felt very tired when I got home, so I _____ (go) straight to bed.

c. Sorry I'm late. The car _____ (break) down on my way here.

d. There was a car by the side of the road. It _____ (break) down and the driver was trying to repair it. So we _____ (stop) to see if we could help.

e. I _____ (be) in London two years ago. I thought it was beautiful. I _____ (be) to England before.

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4. **Supply the correct past simple or past perfect form of the verbs in brackets. Which action happened first?**

They ***had locked*** the gates before I **got** there. (lock, get)

a. By the time we _____, the party _____. (arrive, finish)

b. I _____ the shop as soon as I _____ the contents of the box. (call, check)

c. When she _____ the office this morning, Jim _____. (ring, already go out)

d. Before we _____ Tim to the theatre, he _____ a stage play before. (take, see)

e. I _____ the carpet when the dog _____ in and _____ himself. (just clean, come, shake)

5. **You are going to watch a video. This is the story of Jake and Ann. Decide if the following statements are true (T) or false (F)**

a. Jake accidentally used the aftershave after he had brushed his teeth. ____

b. When Jake went to get dressed, he realized he had left his best shirt in the washer. ____

c. By the time Jake went to the dryer, the shirt had already shrunk. ____

d. It was the third time Jake had worn his shirt inside out. ____

e. Ann didn't see Jake because she had waited at a different taqueria. ____

f. Jake and Ann had seen the same movies when they were teenagers. ____

g. Jake and Ann had played the same sport when they were younger. ____

h. Ann leaned to reach for Jake's key that had started to slip out of his jacket. ____

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