

Past perfect tense

- Structure:

The past perfect tense is formed using the auxiliary “have” in its past simple form “had” followed by the principal verb in the past participle form.

Subject + Auxiliary (had / hadn't) + Verb (past participle) + Complement.

Note: The past perfect is usually accompanied by words and expressions such as “before”, “when” and “by the time” and by adverbs such as “already”, “yet” and “just”.

- Uses:

- In English the past perfect is used when we are talking about the past and we want to refer to something that happened even before.
- We can use it to indicate how long something had been going on, or when it happened in relation to another event.

1. Complete the sentence with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

- a) He _____ (play) rugby before he went to school
- b) I _____ (not see) such a beautiful sunrise before I went to this place.
- c) By the time the party was over, Sophie _____ (drink) a lot.
- d) Elias _____ (win) any race until this year.
- e) Before the break, I _____ (already eat) all my lunch

2. Drag and drop each part of the sentence in the correct order. In each sentence you will have a clue of how you have to start.

- a) I / power / out / when / watched / went / the / had / movie / whole / the

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b) machine / Mario / the / money / had / in / stopped / put / time / the / all / working / it /
By / his

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c) even / had / 2010 / traveled / he / In / not / abroad

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d) At / when / arrived / She / slept / had / 10 / she / the / airport / hours / Berlin / already

She												
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e) yet / my / up / mom / when / woke / made / My / hadn't / brother / breakfast

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3. Listen to the audio and choose the correct option.

1. - She had visited France often before then.
- She has visited France often before then.
- She had visit France often before then.
2. - We've finished all the water before we were halfway up the mountain.
- We'd finished all the water before we were halfway up the mountain.
- We'd finish all the water before we were halfway up the mountain.
3. - My new job wasn't exactly what I expected.
- My new job wasn't exactly what I the expected.
- My new job wasn't exactly what I'd expected.
4. - They hat studied English before they started the university.
- They had studied English before they started the university.
- They had study English before they started the university.
5. - I'd read the book before I saw the movie.
- I it read the book before I saw the movie
- I'd readed the book before I saw the movie

4. Join with arrows to complete the sentences.

I didn't go to Canada because

Had gone inside.

When Susana enrolled on the course,

I had lost my ticket.

Camilo looked really sad but

he'd forgotten to buy bread

I opened the door, and

I didn't know what had happened.

He couldn't make a sandwich because

she had never studied a foreign language before.

5. Speak the correct form of de verb in each sentence (remember the structure of past perfect)

- Camille _____ (complete) the assignment before she went to school.
- We _____ (not/visit) the family before the virus ended.
- The film _____ (already/ start) when my sister arrived.
- Robert didn't answer the phone because he _____ (be) in the gym.
- She _____ (not/ travel) alone because her parents did not give her permission.