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PAST PERFECT TENSE

The Past Perfect tense in English is composed of two parts: the past tense of the verb to have (*had*) + the *past participle* of the main verb.

had + past participle

+	S + had + past participle +...	☞	She had finished.	had not = hadn't
-	S + had not + past participle +...	☞	She hadn't finished.	
?	Had + S + past participle +...?	☞	Had she finished?	

Use

Example

Action finished before another past action	☞	Richard <i>had gone</i> out when his wife arrived in the office.
Action happened before a specific time in the past	☞	Christine <i>had never been</i> to an opera before last night.
Action started in the past and continued up to a given time in the past	☞	We <i>had owned</i> that car for ten years before it broke down.
Cause and effect (combine with past simple)	☞	I got stuck in traffic because there <i>had been</i> an accident.
Emphasize the result of an activity in the past	☞	I <i>had been</i> to London twice by the time I got a job in New York.

Time Expressions

already, yet, for, since, just, after, before, until, the moment that...



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I. Give the form of the verbs

Verb	Past Simple	Past Participle
Be	Was/were	been
Break		
Build		
Buy		
Come		
Do		
eat		
Feel		
Find		
Forget		
Get		
Give		
Go		
Grow		
Have		
Hear		
Hold		
Keep		
Know		
Leave		



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II. Give the correct form of the verbs in Past Perfect Tense.

1. The storm destroyed the sandcastle that we _____ (build).
2. He _____ (not / be) to Cape Town before 1997.
3. When she went out to play, she _____ (do / already) her homework.
4. My brother ate all of the cake that our mum _____ (make) .
5. The doctor took off the plaster that he _____ (put on) six weeks before.
6. The waiter brought a drink that I _____ (not / order).