



# Past Perfect Tense & Past Perfect Continuous Tense



## Past Perfect Tense

= An action occurred before another action in the past.

We form the **Past Perfect** with **had** and the **past participle**

**Had + Past Participle**

E.g.

I met them after they had divorced each other.

I couldn't take my flight because I had forgotten my boarding pass.

## Past Perfect Continuous Tense

= An action started in the past and continued up until another time in the past.

We form the **Past Perfect Continuous** with **had been** and the **-ing form** of the verb

**Had been + -ing form**

E.g.

Sara had been working here for 3 weeks when she had the accident.

Richard needed a holiday because he had been working hard for six months.

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

1. He (marry) \_\_\_\_\_ her two years before we met.
2. I (want / always) \_\_\_\_\_ to travel. That's why I was delighted to go abroad with them.
3. She was no stranger to him. They (be introduced) \_\_\_\_\_ to each other a few days before.
4. We (stay) \_\_\_\_\_ there since 1980, you know.
5. I (stay / never) \_\_\_\_\_ in London before. How expensive hotels are!
6. Did I tell you that when I saw you, I realized that we (meet / already) \_\_\_\_\_?
7. James told me you (buy) \_\_\_\_\_ the old vicarage two years before your son's birth.
8. I wish we (buy) \_\_\_\_\_ it before.
9. We (study) \_\_\_\_\_ for about half an hour.
10. The shopkeeper (sell) \_\_\_\_\_ clothes for two years.



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