



## GRAMMA

## Past Perfect Tense

## Past perfect

We use the past perfect when we talk about two things that happened at different times in the past. We use the past perfect to make clear which action happened first.

*He went home because he had injured himself.*

injured himself      went home

We often use the past perfect to show that the order of verbs in a story is not the same as the order of events.

*We arrived in London and realized we had left our cameras at home.*

left cameras      arrived      realized

We often use *before*, *after* and *already* with the past perfect.

*I hadn't seen giraffes before I went on a safari in Africa.*

*I'd already arrived home when it started to rain.*

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**A. Complete the sentences using the ideas below. Use the Past Perfect Tense. Use contracted forms.****(5 marks)**

run a marathon the day before

rain for a week without stopping

pay for the milkshakes

arrive from Canada

not study for his exams

leave my mobile on the bus

① I didn't call you yesterday because *I'd left my mobile on the bus*.

② I went to bed late last night because my uncle and aunt \_\_\_\_\_.

③ I could hardly walk because I \_\_\_\_\_.

④ We didn't go camping last weekend because it \_\_\_\_\_.

⑤ I joined Mia and Kim at the table after I \_\_\_\_\_.

⑥ Luis felt so nervous on Friday because he \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. Combine the sentences into one using the Past Perfect Tense and the word in brackets.****Use contracted forms. (5 marks)**

① My sister fell off her horse. We took her to hospital. (because)

*We took my sister to hospital because she'd fallen off her horse.*

② I saw the film last week. I didn't go to the cinema yesterday. (already)

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③ The first lesson started. Theo arrived at the school. (after)

\_\_\_\_\_

④ My sister borrowed my dress. I couldn't wear my dress to the party. (because)

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⑤ I ate all the ice cream for my summer party. My friends arrived. (before)

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⑥ I lost my bag that morning. I didn't have any money. (because)

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C. Choose the correct Past Perfect Tense. Use the Past Simple Tense when it's possible. (12 marks)

## AN EMBARRASSING EXPERIENCE!



I had an audition for a part in a new film. I was really excited because I <sup>1</sup> in a film before. I <sup>2</sup> the director either. I really <sup>3</sup> the part, so I <sup>4</sup> it for days.

As my appointment was early, I <sup>5</sup> to take the car because it was quicker. But I <sup>6</sup> enough time, so I arrived late. The car park was full, but suddenly I spotted a parking space. But just then, another car zoomed in and <sup>7</sup> my space! I was really angry, so I shouted at the driver. She got out of the car, just looked at me and walked away. When I finally found another parking space, I <sup>8</sup> my car and ran.

I <sup>9</sup> the other actors in the waiting area. Most of the actors <sup>10</sup> the audition already. When my name was called, I walked in and I <sup>11</sup> the director. She was the woman who <sup>12</sup> my parking space. I didn't get the part!

D. Choose the correct question using the Past Perfect Tense. (5 marks)

Before you came to this school ...

① study any English?

*Had you studied any English?*

② see any films in English?

③ read any books in English?

④ learn any English songs?

⑤ go to an English-speaking country?

⑥ learn to speak another language?