



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 **had 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)

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)

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

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

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 ¹ _____ in a film before. I ² _____ the director either. I really ³ _____ the part, so I ⁴ _____ it for days. As my appointment was early, I ⁵ _____ to take the car because it was quicker. But I ⁶ _____ 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 ⁷ _____ 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 ⁸ _____ my car and ran. I ⁹ _____ the other actors in the waiting area. Most of the actors ¹⁰ _____ the audition already. When my name was called, I walked in and I ¹¹ _____ the director. She was the woman who ¹² _____ 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?