

Past Perfect Tense

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S + had + past participle + ...

She had finished the test.

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S + had not/hadn't + past participle + ...

She hadn't finished the test.

?

Had + S + past participle + ...?

Had she finished the test?

Usage

To describe an action finished before another past action

To describe an action happened before a specific time in the past

To describe cause and effect (combine with Past Simple)

To emphasize the result of an activity in the past

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Example

Richard had gone out when his wife arrived in the office.

Christine had never been to an opera before last night.

I got stuck in traffic because there had been an accident.

I had been to London twice by the time I got a job in New York.

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Time Expressions with the Past Perfect

- already
- before
- after
- for
- just
- never
- yet
- once
- until that day
- when
- by the time
- by then

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



had not = hadn't

1. Put the verbs in Past Perfect simple

- My little brother ate all of the cake that I _____ (make).
- The waitress brought a dish that we _____ (not / order).
- Last night I couldn't get in because I _____ (forget) my keys.
- When we arrived at the station, the train _____ (go).
- They didn't have any money because they _____ (pay) all the bills.
- We had a big party because we _____ (pass) all our exams.
- I got to the cinema at 6.30 but fortunately the film _____ (not start).
- I was exhausted because I _____ (study) too much.
- _____ (you / study) English before you moved to New York?
- We _____ (have) that car for ten years before it broke down.
- _____ (she / see) a bear before she moved to Alaska.
- By the time we got to the cinema the film _____ (start), so we missed part of it.
- When I rang the bell there was no answer. The neighbour told me that they _____ (go) about half an hour ago.
- If she _____ (take) my advice, it wouldn't have happened.
- I saw New York for the first time last night. I _____ (not see) it before.



2. Use the time line to complete the sentences about Ashley and Kate.



1986	The twins are born.
1993	The twins audition for the first <i>Spy Twins</i> movie.
1995	They record their first pop song and make a TV movie.
1996	The twins start a fashion company for young men's clothing.
1997 to 2003	The twins make three more <i>Spy Twins</i> movies.
2004	They graduate from high school; they start college.
2005	The twins decide to stop acting.
2008	They graduate from college.
2008 to present	They work as fashion designers for their clothing company.

build	decide	graduate	make	record	start
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1. By 2004, the twins _____ four *Spy Twins* movies.
2. Before 1995, the twins _____ (not) a pop song.
3. By 2006, the twins _____ to stop acting.
4. The twins _____ (not) a fashion company yet in 1995.
5. The twins _____ from high school by 2005.
6. They _____ a successful career before the age of 30.

