

# PAST PERFECT

We use the Past Perfect when we mention two events in the past and we need to emphasize the order. Look at the timeline.



When I turned on the TV, the movie had already finished.

Event in the past

Event in the past

Present

PAST PERFECT SIMPLE PAST

1<sup>st</sup> event: the movie finished

2<sup>nd</sup> event: I turned on the TV

Consequence: I missed the movie, that's why I'm disappointed.

FORMULA OF THE PAST PERFECT:

**HAD + PAST PARTICIPLE** (-ed for regular verbs / 3<sup>rd</sup> column of the irregular verbs table)

Affirmative form: SUBJECT + HAD + PAST PARTICIPLE

Interrogative form: HAD + SUBJECT + PAST PARTICIPLE

Negative form: SUBJECT + HADN'T + PAST PARTICIPLE

Read the sentences and decide which event happened first. Write 1 or 2 to order the events.

Ex.: By the time I got to the airport, the plane had already taken off.

( 2 ) I got to the airport.

( 1 ) The plane took off.

a) Lucy had already left when I arrived home.

( ) Lucy left.

( ) I arrived home.

b) When they arrived at the stadium, the game had already started.

( ) They arrived at the stadium

( ) The game started.

c) I hadn't finished my homework by the time the school bus arrived.

( ) I was trying to finish my homework

( ) The school bus arrived.

d) Had you cleaned your room when your mother came in?

( ) You cleaned your room.

( ) Your mother came in.

e) When I finally closed the gate my dog had already run away.

( ) I closed the gate.

( ) The dog ran away.

f) Before the end of the year we had already become best friends.

( ) The year ended.

( ) We became best friends.