PAST PERFECT

We use the past perfect tense to talk about a past action that happened before another past action.

Example. I ate breakfast at 8:00. The taxi came at 8:30.
*By the time the taxi came, I **had already eaten** breakfast.*

We form the past perfect with the past tense of the auxiliary "have" and the past participle.

Task 1. Write the past participle of these verbs:

make - _____
sell - _____
meet - _____
lose - _____
be - _____



Task 2. Write the correct form of the past perfect.

1. By 9:00, I _____ (finish) my report.
2. By 10:00, I_____ (make) 20 phone calls.
3. By 11:00 I _____ (sell) 1,000 stock shares.
4. By 12:00, I _____ (meet) with a new client.
5. By 1:00 I _____ (earn) $1,000,000.
6. By 2:00 I _____(lose) everything!

Task 3. We often use "already" with the past perfect between the auxiliary and the past participle. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the past perfect.

Leticia was a prodigy. By the time she was 4, she_____

_____(learn) to read. By the time she was 5, she_____

_____(master) the violin. By the time she was 7, she

_____(conduct) her first scientific experiment. By the time she was 13, she_____(finish) high school.

By the time she was 17 she_____

graduate) medical school.



Task 4. We use the past perfect for the previous action and the simple past for the following action. Circle the correct form of the verb.

1. When I **arrived / had arrived**, dinner had finished.
2. She was bored because she **heard / had heard** that story before.
3. I remembered that it **was / had been** signed by Tim.
4. We **had woken / woke** to find that someone had cooked breakfast.
5. When the movie **had started / started** I realized that I had seen it before.

Task 5. Form sentences with the simple past and the past perfect using the cues.

1. I / notice / that /my childhood home /deteriorate

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2. I / see / that / the windows / be broken

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3. I / look at / the garden / that / become / overgrown

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4. I / hear / the squeaking / of the door / that / fall off

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5. Vines/ grow / on the walk / where / I / stand

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6. There /be / water damage / because / roof / cave in

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