

## Past Perfect Tense

(Had + verb)

### An action that happened before another action in the past

- He worked very hard before he finally won. (work)
- She said that she bought the hat before she came home. (bought)
- He studied so much because he received a lot of homework. (receive)
- She was surprised because she noticed it before. (notice)
- She had already made dinner before her husband came home. (make)
- John was happy because he found a new job. (find)

### An action that happened before a specific time in the past

- They had already scored before the 9 o'clock break. (score)
- He had finished building his house before 1999. (finish)
- She had never been to the UK, until last year. (be)

### A state that started in the past, and continued up to sometime in the past

- He liked her until she humiliated him. (like)
- She wanted a cat, but she received a fish instead. (want)
- I owned a motorbike for 5 years before I bought a car. (own)