

Past Perfect Tense

(Had + verb)

An action that happened before another action in the past

- He _____ very hard before he finally won. (work)
- She said that she _____ the hat before she came home. (bought)
- He studied so much because he _____ a lot of homework. (receive)
- She was surprised because she _____ never _____ it before. (notice)
- She _____ already _____ dinner before her husband came home. (make)
- John was happy because he _____ a new job. (find)

An action that happened before a specific time in the past

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

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

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