

GRAMMAR Past Perfect

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He **had collected** a container of waste.

I **hadn't realised** what it looked like.

Had this idea **helped**? Yes, it **had**. / No, it **hadn't**.

Past Perfect and Past Simple

When I **got** there, the zoo-keeper **had just fed** them.

He'd **already mixed** the waste with water **before** I **arrived**.

I **left** the zoo after we'd **had** lunch.

Time expressions

when, before, after, just, already, by the time

1 ● Complete the sentences with the Past Perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

- By the time she was twenty-five, Silvia **had travelled** (travel) all over the world.
- They were hungry because they _____ (not eat) their breakfast.
- _____ (you/finish) your homework before you went out last night?
- Five minutes into the film, I realised I _____ (see) it before.
- _____ (you/try) Mexican food before you went to that restaurant?
- James was pleased when he changed class because he _____ (not be) happy in his old class.

2 ●● Complete the sentences with the Past Perfect form of the verbs below.

already/leave ~~close~~ forget never/see
not buy not realise

- We arrived late at the zoo and it **had closed**.
- Miguel _____ how much work he still had to do on his History project.
- When I arrived at the party, Julia _____.
- When I got to class, I realised I _____ to bring my homework.
- Jack and Fiona couldn't go to the concert because they _____ any tickets.
- Chiara _____ a volcano before she went to Indonesia.

3 ● Choose the correct option.

- We were very tired because we **went** / **had gone** to bed late the night before.
- Had you ever visited a national park before you **went** / **had been** to South Africa?
- We **waited** / **had waited** in line for two hours when the ticket office finally opened.
- I **had already read** / **already read** the book, so I knew how the film ended.

4 ●● Use the prompts to make sentences. Use the Past Perfect and the Past Simple.

- Angela / not study / English / before / she / visit / London
Angela hadn't studied English before she visited London.
- by the time / I / finish / school yesterday / it / get / dark outside

- how long / you / have / your bike / when / somebody / steal / it / ?

- I / just / arrived / at the party / when / it / finish

- Kayla / be / tired / because / she / not sleep / well

5 ●● Complete the blog post with the time expressions below.

after already **before** by the time just

Worst day ever today!

I got up late and ¹**before** I went downstairs to have breakfast, everybody had eaten all the pancakes my mum had made.

²_____, I had made my own breakfast (cereal ☹), I got dressed quickly and left for school. I had ³_____ walked out of the door when it started raining. And guess what: I didn't have an umbrella. Then my bus got stuck in traffic, so ⁴_____. I arrived at school, classes had ⁵_____ started. The teacher was really annoyed with me and said that I had to read a whole unit of the book. I had to stay in class during break to finish it.