



Past Perfect Passive

Usage:

The **past perfect** tense is used to refer to a past action that happened before another action or a certain point of time in the past.



- He had reviewed the report before he submitted it to the manager.
- My friend and I had completed the Science project by 10:00 pm last night.

	Form	Examples
Active	had + Past Participle (P.P)	Emirati people had lived a tough life before they discovered oil.
Passive	had been + Past Participle (P.P)	The new hospital had been completed by 2020. Two attempts had been done before they managed to launch the rocket into space.

Negative :

To change the past perfect active or passive into negative, add "**not**" after the auxiliary verb "**had**"

Subject + had not (hadn't) + Past Participle

- The tickets hadn't been booked before we went to the cinema yesterday.
- The new bridge had not been built by 2022.

Interrogative (Questions)

To write the past perfect active into question, write the question as the following:

Had + subject + Past Participle?

To write the past perfect passive into question , write the question as the following:

Had + subject + been + Past Participle?

- Had you booked a table before you went to the restaurant last week?
- Had anyone been killed in the car accident before the paramedics arrived?

Practice

Choose the correct answer from a, b, c , or d:

1. Animals and birds _____ to deliver messages before the invention of the Internet.

a- used

b- were used

c- had been used

2. Many traditions _____ by grandparents before they were passed down to grandchildren in the UAE.

a- taught

b- had been taught

c- had taught

3. My father _____ in different companies before he started his own business.

a- works

b- worked

c- had worked

4. Had your assignment _____ before the assigned deadline yesterday?

a. been submitted

b- submitted

c- was submitted

5. The UAE _____ a global trade center by the union of the seven emirates.

a- hasn't been

b- hadn't been

c- was

6. All the food at the restaurant _____ before we arrived last night.

a- served

b- had served

c- had been served

7. The lights went off because they _____ the electricity bill.

- a- hadn't paid
- b- didn't pay
- c- hadn't pay

8. I couldn't use my phone as it _____.

- a. didn't charge
- b. hadn't been charged
- c. wasn't charged

9. Many years ago, communicating with people was not that easy as technology _____ yet.

- a- wasn't invented
- b- didn't invent
- c- hadn't been invented

10. The meeting _____ before we arrived.

- a- had started
- b- had been started
- c- hadn't started