

Past Perfect Tense

Affirmative / Negative / Questions

AFFIRMATIVE

SUBJECT + HAD + PAST PARTICIPLE + COMPLEMENT.

I had finished my homework before.

Carla had left when I arrived.

They had eaten in the house.

NEGATIVE

SUBJECT + HADN'T + PAST PARTICIPLE + COMPLEMENT.

I **hadn't** **finished** my homework before.

Carla **hadn't** **left** when I arrived.

They **hadn't** **eaten** in the house.



QUESTION

HAD + SUBJECT + PAST PARTICIPLE + COMPLEMENT?

Had you finished your homework before?

Had Carla left when I arrived?

Had they eaten in the house?



The **Past Perfect** is used to show that one action happened before another in the past. It emphasizes that something was completed before another past action or time.

P.P. = Had + Participle verb

Contractions:

I had = I'd
She had = She'd
They had = They'd

I had not = I hadn't
She had not = She hadn't
They had not = They hadn't



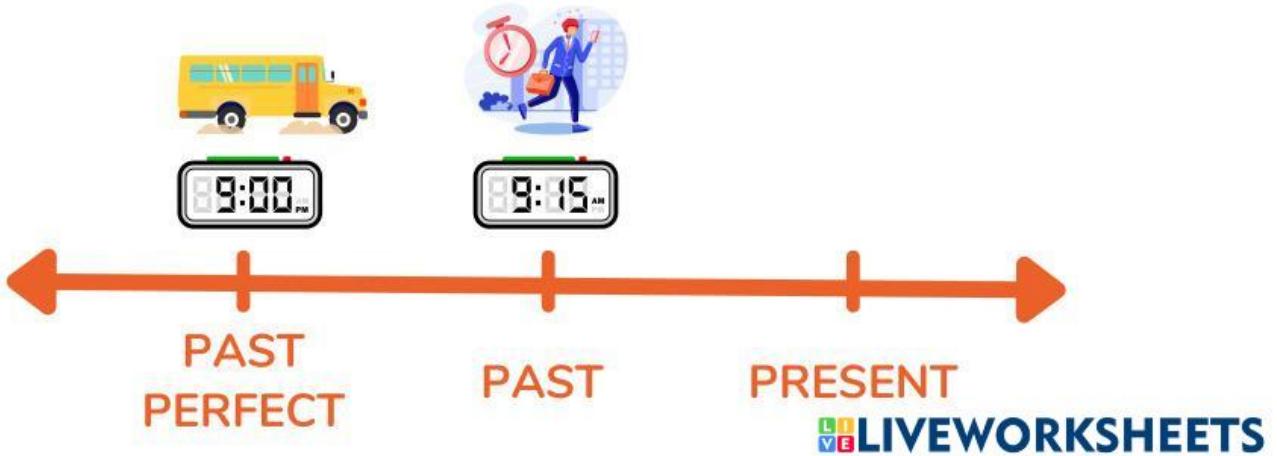
“Already” is an adverb of time, and it tells when something happened.

Usually placed between the auxiliary and the main verb in perfect tenses:

- She had **already** left.



I arrived at the bus stop by
the time the bus **had left**.



Past Perfect Exercises

EXERCISE 1: Complete the sentences with the affirmative form of the **Past Perfect**.

1. By the time we arrived, the movie _____. (start)
2. She _____ already _____ her lunch. (eat)
3. They _____ to Paris before they moved to Spain. (travel)
4. I _____ the book before the class started. (read)
5. He _____ all the exercises before the teacher checked them. (finish)

EXERCISE 2: Complete the sentences with the negative form of the **Past Perfect**.

1. I _____ my homework before dinner. (not/do)
2. She _____ the email when the boss asked her. (not/send)
3. We _____ the tickets before they sold out. (not/buy)
4. They _____ the room before the guests arrived. (not/clean)
5. He _____ the story before watching the movie. (not/hear)

