

PAST PERFECT - Revision

Formation

Subject + had + past participle

My brother had already done the ironing when I arrived home.



Affirmative
Interrogative
Negative

I had been
Had I been?
I hadn't been

You had been
Had you been?
You hadn't been

He/She/It had been
Had he/she/it had been?
He/She/It hadn't been

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You are referring to the past and want to say that something happened before another time also in the past:

When I arrived home, she had just left.

EXERCISE 1 Circle the correct option.

- 1- *Have/had* you already seen that film (before the moment we spoke)?
- 2- When Mary arrived home, her husband *has/had* already left to the theatre.
- 3- Mary *had/hadn't* told anyone about her secret.
- 4- When she *arrives/arrived*, I *had/have* already finished the washing up.
- 5- She was amazed because she *hasn't/hadn't* seen a film like that before.
- 6- Tina was scared because she *had/hadn't* never *flew/flown* in such a huge plane before.
- 7- My teacher asked me to write an essay when I *have/had* finished reading the book.
- 8- Sam was ill all week because he *hadn't/had* slept.
- 9- I couldn't get inside the house because I *had forgotten/hadn't forgotten/forgot* my keys.

EXERCISE 2 Fill in the gaps in the sentences with either the past simple or past perfect.

- 1- Sally _____ (tell) everybody how she _____ (pass) the exam.
- 2- He _____ (go) to Italy last summer. Before that he _____ (be) to France
- 3- I _____ (see) a film that I _____ (never/see) before.
- 4- He found out he _____ (not/ learn) anything when he _____ (be) at high school.
- 5- Everything _____ (change) when I _____ (come) back to my old school, many years later.
- 6- He _____ (call) his brother when he _____ (finish) his homework.
- 7- I _____ (start) to worry when I realised that I _____ (lose) my wallet.

EXERCISE 3 Complete the sentences with the past perfect (affirmative, negative or interrogative).

- 1- Jenny was crying a lot. What _____? (happen)
- 2- He wasn't happy about the match because his team _____. (lose)
- 3- When Ben got home, his wife _____ to cook supper. (forget)
- 4- Cindy was very happy. Her mother _____ all the shopping for her. (do)
- 5- I knew I _____ that girl before, but I couldn't remember where from. (see)
- 6- I couldn't remember if I _____ the door of my office. (lock)
- 7- I was surprised when my friend told me that he _____ the letter I sent him. (not/receive)
- 8- _____ Matilde before she came to our class? (ever/meet)