

PAST PERFECT

had not = hadn't

I			
You			
He			
She	had	eaten	(before the taxi arrived).
It			
We			
They			

I				
You				
He				
She	had	not	eaten	(before the taxi arrived).
It				
We				
They				

	I		
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Had	she	eaten	(before the taxi arrived)?
	it		
	we		
	they		

Yes,		No,		
I		I		
you		you		
he		he		
she	had.	she	had	not.
it		it		
we		we		
they		they		

- Study the boxes above. Then, complete the sentences.

1. A: Had Jim ever (fly) flown before his flight last week?

B: Yes, he _____.

2. A: _____ your sister (eat) _____ breakfast before she left?

B: No, she _____.

3. James said he _____ already (see) _____ the movie last year.

4. I got lost because I (forget) _____ to bring a map.

5. They (not study) _____ English before last year.

6. She (*live*) _____ in Leeds before she moved to London.
7. The baby (*fall asleep*) _____ before eight o'clock.
8. I (*not think*) _____ of that question before.
9. Sue got wet because she (*not bring*) _____ an umbrella.
10. He (*own*) _____ his car for a year before he sold it.
11. I didn't notice that the traffic light (*turn*) _____ red.
12. He (*order*) _____ rice, but the waiter served him soup.

past perfect

We use the past perfect (*had* + past participle) to talk about an action that happened at an earlier point in the past.

I **had** a picnic at the beach with some friends. As a child, I'd **done** it with my family.

past perfect and past simple

We use the past perfect and the past simple in the same sentence to show that one action happened before another.

We **played** some old board games which my dad **had found** in the attic.



We often use these adverbs of time and time linkers with the past perfect: *before, once, when, just, never, ever*.

After we'd **swum** in the sea, we built a huge sandcastle.

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9.1 Listen to Max talking about a summer holiday experience. What did he do? Do you think he enjoyed it? Why/Why not?

3 Choose the correct verb forms to complete the sentences.

- 1** A few summers ago I **saw / had seen** a TV programme about orienteering.
- 2** I **didn't hear / hadn't heard** of it before but I thought it looked exciting.
- 3** I really wanted to try it because I **spent / had spent** a lot of time at the park as a child.
- 4** She **recently ran / 'd recently run** a half-marathon, so I knew she was the right teammate.
- 5** After we'd put our boots and stuff in the car, we **drove / had driven** to a nearby forest.
- 6** Once we **worked / 'd worked** out the quickest way, we ran faster.
- 7** We **were / had been** pleased when we got to the finish line.
- 8** When they announced the winners, we found out that we **won / had won**!

Our first festival

My friends and I ¹ (decide) to go to Latitude after we'd read a review about it. We wanted to do something different and we ² (not go) a festival before. We booked our tickets online and downloaded a list of things to take that the organisers ³ (put) on the website. My backpack ⁴ (be) really heavy because my mum had given me lots of food! We travelled with hundreds of other teenagers who ⁵ (buy) tickets for the festival. At the campsite, it took ages to put up our tent because we ⁶ (not pack) the instructions. It was exhausting! At last, we were ready. There were poetry classes, art exhibitions, dance demonstrations and lots more. Finally, we ⁷ (arrive) at the stage where my favourite singer ⁸ (just/start) his performance. He was amazing!