

Past perfect simple, past perfect continuous

1 Read about the uses of the past perfect simple and the past perfect continuous.

Past perfect simple

- an action or situation that finished before a particular time in the past
- Dina had finished the shopping by two o'clock.
 an action that happened before another action in the past

The shop had closed by the time Jimmy got there.

Past perfect continuous

- an action that started in the past and was still in progress when another action started or when something happened
- He had been working on his new gadget when he cut his hand.
- an action that happened before another action in the past when we want to emphasise how long it happened for

 They had been taking cuiter lessons for
 - They had been taking guitar lessons for months before they finally decided to order a gTar.
- an action that finished before a particular time in the past and had a result that we could see Molly had been working hard all week and she looked very tired.
- 2 Read the sentences. Which perfect tenses do they use? Which sentence could be changed into a question using How long?
 - a Irene could send text messages because she had bought a new phone the day before.
 - b Irene had been texting her friend all morning before she finally got a reply.

Read 4.1-4.2 of the Grammar Reference before you do the tasks.

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Past perfect tenses, past simple

1 Read about the past perfect tenses vs past simple.

In some sentences which talk about the past, it is clear which action happened first. In this case, we can use the past simple for both actions. However, when the order of events is not clear, or when we want to emphasise which action happened first, we can use the past perfect simple or the past perfect continuous for the first action.

Mona did/had done her shopping before she met her friend for lunch. We knew later that we had spent too much money at the car-boot sale. They had been waiting for ages before a shop assistant came to help them.

Note: We must use the past simple for both actions when one past action happens quickly after another. When my dog heard the loud thunder, it hid under my bed.

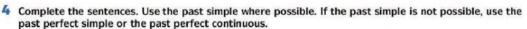
2 Complete three of these sentences using the past simple in one of the gaps, and the past perfect simple or the past perfect continuous in the other gap. In which sentence do we have to use the past simple in both gaps? Why?

a	He	(try on) the jacket before he	(go) to the check
	out to pay for it.		
0	Karen	(realise) the next day that the footwear she	
	(buy) was no longer in fashion	l.	
С	Right after I	(break) my new mobile phone, I	
	(start) to cry.		
b	They	(stand) outside the shop for ages when it finally	
	(op	pen).	

Read 4.3 of the Grammar Reference before you do the tasks.

3 Read the sentences and underline the action that happened first.

- 1 We had been shopping for hours before we found a tablet that we liked.
- 2 Elena realised later that she had left her sales receipt at the bookshop.
- 3 As soon as he saw the gTar in an advert, Jim ordered it online.
- 4 When we had made our purchases, we took the bags out to the car.
- 5 By the time Lily got home, Mum had put away all the clean clothes.
- 6 They had just bought an expensive Blackberry when they saw the same one on special offer.
- 7 The shoppers had been waiting for a long time when the owner finally opened the doors of his shop.
- 8 Dora went back home because she had forgotten her handbag.
- 9 After Jill went to the bank, she lent me fifty euros.
- 10 Petro pushed a button on the keyboard and the DVD started to play.



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By the time his friends came to get him, Jules		es	(put on) his costume.
5 The teenagers tried out the gadget for themselves after Clark them how it worked.			(show)
4	Karen's clothes fitted her better because sh	e	(lose) some weight.
5	My sister	(wait) for weeks when the sho	es finally went on special offer.
ô	Three weeks ago, I	(start) the sewing co	ourse.
7	Pam	(clean) all morning before she wer	t window-shopping.
3	Before he saw the phone he wanted, Brett shop for hours.		[look round] the electronics

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