



S + had + past participle + ...

She had finished the test.



S + had not/hadn't + past participle + ...

She hadn't finished the test.



Had + S + past participle + ...?

Had she finished the test?

Practice



A. Put the verbs into the correct form (past perfect simple).

- The storm destroyed the sandcastle that we (build) had built.
- He (not / be) _____ to Cape Town before 1997.
- When she went out to play, she (do / already) _____ her homework.
- My brother ate all of the cake that our mum (make) _____.
- The doctor took off the plaster that he (put on) _____ six weeks before.
- The waiter brought a drink that I (not / order) _____.
- I could not remember the poem we (learn) _____ last week.
- The children collected the chestnuts that (fall) _____ from the tree.
- (He / phone) _____ Angie before he went to see her in London?
- She (not / ride) _____ a horse before that day.

B. Change the verbs to past perfect or past simple.

- First: Carlos ate breakfast. Then: Raul called.
Carlos (eat) _____ already _____ breakfast **by the time** Raul (call) _____.
- First: I made my bed. Then: I went to bed.
I (go) _____ to bed **after** I (make) _____ my bed.
- First: Beatriz **did the laundry**. Then: She turned on the TV.
Beatriz (turn) _____ on the TV **after** she (do) _____ the laundry.
- First: David **threw the football**. Then: Luis fell down.
Luis (fall) _____ down **after** David (throw) _____ the football.
- First: I bought a dress. Then: My mother found a really good price.
After I (buy) _____ already, _____ a dress my mother (find) _____ a really good price.
- Last night I started to cook at 1:30. At 3:00, My husband got home.
By the time my husband (get) _____ home, I (cook) _____ already _____.
- Yesterday Maria cleaned the house and then she went to work.
Maria (go) _____ to work **after** she (clean) _____ the house.
- Peter was late. **By the time** he (get) _____ to the theatre, the movie (start) _____ already.
- The teacher (give) _____ an exam **by the time** I (arrive) _____ at school.
- We (play) _____ cards for several hours **after** the children (go) _____ to bed.

C. Read the sentences and choose the correct alternative

1. When I _____ dinner, I _____ TV for a while.
 - a) finished . . . watched
 - b) finished . . . had watched
 - c) had finished . . . watched
 - d) had finished . . . had watched
2. I _____ in the door when the phone _____.
 - a) had just walked . . . had rung
 - b) had just walked . . . rang
 - c) just walked . . . had rung
 - d) just walked . . . Rang
3. Bob _____ in several other states when he _____ to move to California.
 - a) had worked . . . had decided
 - b) worked . . . had decided
 - c) worked . . . decided
 - d) had worked . . . decided
4. When they _____, Joe and Nancy _____ each other for three months.
 - a) got married . . . had only known
 - b) had got married . . . only knew
 - c) got married . . . only knew
 - d) had got married . . . had only known
5. Tom _____ his car for only a short time when it _____.
 - a) had had . . . had been stolen
 - b) had . . . had been stolen
 - c) had had . . . was stolen
 - d) had . . . was stolen

D. Read the situations and write sentences from the words in brackets.

1. You went to Jill's house but she wasn't there. (she/go/out) She had gone out.
2. You went back to your home town after many years. It wasn't the same as before.
(it/change/a lot) _____
3. I invited Rachel to the party but she couldn't come.
(she/arrange/to do something else) _____
4. You went to the cinema last night. You arrived at the cinema late.
(The film/already/begin) _____
5. I was very pleased to see Tim again after such a long time.
(I/not/see/him for five years) _____

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Practice
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