

## Past Perfect

**Past perfect** is a compound verbal tense that we use to **talk about past events**, however, it is very special because we use it to talk about **actions that happened before a specific event or action in the past**. For using this verbal tense we need to be familiar with the past participle form of the verb; Ex: *eaten, drunk, driven, seen, gone, been, read, listened, pronounced, happened...* Remember that these verbs can be regular and irregular. In this case for structuring the past perfect we have to use the verb **Have** in past and the **past participle of the main verb**.

Ex 1: I **had already** gone when you arrived or

Ex 2: I forgot that I **hadn't taken** my umbrella when I left home this morning.

### 1. Choose the correct form

- They \_\_\_\_\_ before we arrived at the house.
- After I \_\_\_\_\_ the shrimp, I began to feel sick.
- By the time he appeared, she \_\_\_\_\_ the restaurant.
- His mom was mad because he \_\_\_\_\_ the plants.
- When we \_\_\_\_\_ the exam, we all went out to celebrate.
- Rosalia \_\_\_\_\_ five songs before Coldplay arrived.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ by the time I got off of the roller coaster.

### 2. Join the sentences in column A with the sentences in column B

The cat	had been damaged
My mom	had enchanted him
Doja Cat	had disappeared
The car	had bought me candies
The witch	had released a new song

### 3. Drag and drop

the students had already organized the desks	but the boss had already left	I had forgotten my keys at home
I had already prepared the luggage for the trip	but my son had already fed it 10 minutes ago	everyone had already eaten all the food
They had closed the door	but I had already read it before	he had done his homework before

- a. When the teacher entered the classroom, \_\_\_\_\_
- b. My friend recommended a book, \_\_\_\_\_
- c. My wife fed the cat when she arrived, \_\_\_\_\_
- d. This morning Michael returned to the office to talk with the boss,  
\_\_\_\_\_
- e. I thought that \_\_\_\_\_ but then I remembered that I  
had left them at the office.
- f. He said that \_\_\_\_\_ leaving for the party.
- g. \_\_\_\_\_ when I arrived.
- h. When you came to the party, \_\_\_\_\_
- i. When they came here \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Complete with the correct form of the verb: past perfect or simple past.**

Crime story:

Last month there \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a huge theft in the museum, when the director \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) he noticed that there were some footprints on the floor and that some paintings and jewelry \_\_\_\_\_ (steal) the night before, and of course the thieves \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) almost everything as if nothing \_\_\_\_\_ (happen). The director thinks that the thieves must have had the aid of the staff members due to the fact that it is almost impossible to enter and dodge the security cameras. It is the first case of theft in the history of the museum there \_\_\_\_\_ (be) any other case-related. Many people from that neighborhood said that they \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) some noises and a few minutes later they \_\_\_\_\_ (saw) some suspicious people running away. Those might have been the thieves. Something curious about this case is that the stolen pieces \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a recent acquisition that \_\_\_\_\_ (be) moved from another museum 2 weeks before the theft.