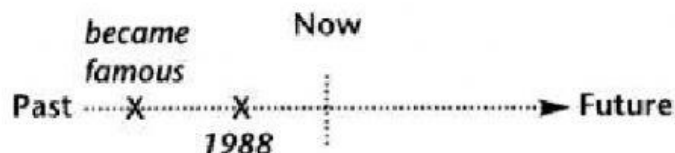


PAST PERFECT AND PAST SIMPLE

1.- EXPLANATIONS

a) Use the Past Perfect tense to show that something happened before a specific time in the past.

By 1988 Cher had become famous.
It was 1985. She had already been in a Hollywood film.



b) The Past Perfect always shows a relationship with another past event. Use the Past Perfect for the earlier event (1). Use the Simple Past tense for the later event (2).

When I turned on the TV, the movie had finished.

Past Simple (2)

Past Perfect (1)

2.- EXERCISES

1) Read the sentences and decide which event happened first (1) and which event happened later (2). Write 1 or 2 to order the events.

Ex.: By the time I got to the airport, the plane had already taken off.

(2) I got to the airport. (1) The plane took off.

1. Lucy had already left when I arrived home.	() Lucy left.	() I arrived home.
2. When they arrived at the stadium, the game had already started.	() They arrived at the stadium	() The game started.
3. I hadn't finished my homework by the time my father arrived.	() I was trying to finish my homework	() My father arrived.
4. Had you cleaned your room when your mother came in?	() You cleaned your room.	() Your mother came in.

2) Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets. Use Past Perfect.

- They _____ (finish) answering the questions before the bell rang.
- When Matthew arrived at home, his wife _____ (cook) the meal.
- Mrs. Lawrence _____ (open) the window before she went to bed.
- Dexter _____ (not see) a skeleton before he visited the museum with his friends.
- When the earthquake happened, we _____ (not finish) our work at the office.
- I _____ (not watch) a horror film before we went to the cinema last Wednesday.
- Mrs. Reid _____ (work) for the company for 30 years when she got retired last year

3) Past Simple or Past Perfect? Read the sentences carefully and circle the correct options.

- The robbers **left** / **had left** the bank when the policemen finally **arrived** / **had arrived**.
- When the rain **started** / **had started**, the Atkinsons **finished** / **had finished** planting trees.
- Mr. Palmer **didn't speak** / **hadn't spoken** any Chinese before he **moved** / **had moved** to Beijing.
- Jane **refused** / **had refused** to drive the car because she **had** / **had had** an accident a year ago.
- My uncle **didn't try** / **hadn't tried** Japanese food before he **went** / **had gone** to that restaurant.
- When we **arrived** / **had arrived** in Spain the airport management told us that they **lost** / **had lost** our luggage.
- The shoes **were** / **had been** very clean because I **had spent** / **spent** hours cleaning them.
- My neighbour **had told** / **told** me that she **bought** / **had bought** a new car a month before.
- I **was** / **had been** happy because I **finished** / **had finished** my first lesson as an instructor.
- Everyone **left** / **had left** the house by the time I **had come** / **came** home.