

# PAST PERFECT

We use the past perfect tense to talk about a past action that happened before another past action.

Example. I ate breakfast at 8:00. The taxi came at 8:30.  
By the time the taxi came, I **had already eaten** breakfast.

We form the past perfect with the past tense of the auxiliary "have" and the past participle.

**Task 1.** Write the past participle of these verbs:

make - \_\_\_\_\_  
sell - \_\_\_\_\_  
meet - \_\_\_\_\_  
lose - \_\_\_\_\_  
be - \_\_\_\_\_



**Task 2.** Write the correct form of the past perfect.

- By 9:00, I \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) my report.
- By 10:00, I \_\_\_\_\_ (make) 20 phone calls.
- By 11:00 I \_\_\_\_\_ (sell) 1,000 stock shares.
- By 12:00, I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) with a new client.
- By 1:00 I \_\_\_\_\_ (earn) \$1,000,000.
- By 2:00 I \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) everything!

**Task 3.** We often use "already" with the past perfect between the auxiliary and the past participle. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the past perfect.

Leticia was a prodigy. By the time she was 4, she \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (learn) to read. By the time she was 5, she \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (master) the violin. By the time she was 7, she \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (conduct) her first scientific experiment. By the time she was 13, she \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) high school.

By the time she was 17 she \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (graduate) medical school.



**Task 4.** We use the past perfect for the previous action and the simple past for the following action. Circle the correct form of the verb.

- When I **arrived** / **had arrived**, dinner had finished.
- She was bored because she **heard** / **had heard** that story before.
- I remembered that it **was** / **had been** signed by Tim.
- We **had woken** / **woke** to find that someone had cooked breakfast.
- When the movie **had started** / **started** I realized that I had seen it before.

**Task 5.** Form sentences with the simple past and the past perfect using the cues.

- I / notice / that / my childhood home / deteriorate

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- I / see / that / the windows / be broken

\_\_\_\_\_

- I / look at / the garden / that / become / overgrown

\_\_\_\_\_

- I / hear / the squeaking / of the door / that / fall off

\_\_\_\_\_

- Vines/ grow / on the walk / where / I / stand

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- There / be / water damage / because / roof / cave in

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