

PAST PERFECT

Exercises on Past Perfect Simple & Past Perfect Continuous

PAST PERFECT VS. PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

PAST PERFECT

Had + Past Participle

- Express a past action, already finished when another past action happened

E.g. I met them after they had divorced each other.



PAST CONTINUOUS

Had been + V-ing

- Describe a past action which started in the past and continued to happen after another action or time in the past

E.g. Sara had been working here for two weeks when she had the accident.



Past Perfect Continuous

focuses on the duration of the activity



Past Perfect Simple

suggests something more permanent than the **past perfect continuous**, which can imply that something is temporary.



The reason to write a verb in the **past perfect tense** is to show that it happened before other actions in the same sentence that are described by verbs in the **simple past tense**.

EXERCISE 1

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Use contractions where possible.

- Peter was Sally's best friend. She _____ (know) him all her life.
- The children were wet because they _____ (play) football in the rain.
- We were very hungry because we _____ (not / eat).
- I was delighted when I found my keys. I _____ (look) for them for hours.
- She was exhausted because she _____ (work) since eight o'clock that morning.
- Everything was white because it _____ (snow).
- The passengers were cross because the airline _____ (lose) everyone's bags.
- I _____ (not / see) Jacob for several years, but I recognized him immediately.

EXERCISE 2

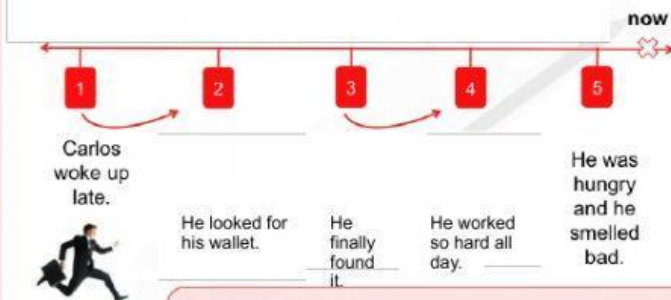
Look at the situation and think of two more sentences using Past Simple, Past Perfect Continuous and Past Perfect Simple.

Carlos had a terrible day...



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and it continued...



Can you think of another sentences for Carlos?

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1.

2.



A BAD JOKE

WHAT DO YOU GIVE TO A SICK LEMON? A LEMON AID!

