Grammar: Past perfect

5. Complete the chart.

Use the past perfect to refer to something that happened before a specific time in the past. To form the past perfect, use had + *past participle.*

Affirmative	Negative
I was interested in Krakatoa because I **had read** a book about it.	I just read about Krakatoa. I **hadn't heard** about it before then.
The volcano _____ **been** fairly quiet for several years before the eruption.	I visited Indonesia last year. I _____ **been** there before, so it was new to me.
What _____ you **heard** about volcanoes before you visited one?	
Why _____**n't** you **researched** anything about Indonesia before you went there?	
Contractions had = **'d** had not = **hadn't**	

Check your answers: Grammar reference, p. 113

6. Complete the sentences with the past perfect forms of the verbs.

1. I _____ (read) about the volcanic eruption at Pompeii, but I didn't know much about Krakatoa.
2. Alan was surprised when he heard the thunder. When _____ the storm _____ (begin)?
3. We _____ (not have) an earthquake before 2004. Since then, we've had three!
4. There were two floods in our town last summer. Before that, I _____ (see) only one flood in 10 years.
5. Sadie went to Europe for the first time last summer. She _____ (not be) there before that.
6. I heard students laughing, and then I heard a loud noise. What _____ they _____ (do)?

7. Put the words in the correct order to make questions.

1. you / about Krakatoa / heard / today / before / had

   Had you heard about Krakatoa before today?

2. before the day of the show / had / bought the tickets / he

   _____

3. her teacher / Julie / had / met / before class started

   _____

4. had / before your parents came home / cleaned / you / your room

   _____

Past perfect yes/no questions	
Had you ever **seen** a tornado before you moved here?	Yes, I **had**. / No, I **hadn't**.
Had Amber **known** about the volcano on the next island?	Yes, she **had**. / No, she **hadn't**.

Speaking: Before the disaster, . . .

8. Imagine a volcano erupted 30 kilometers from your home. You and your family survived because you were prepared. Write three things you had done to prepare for the disaster.

1. *Before the eruption, I had bought extra water.*
2. _____
3. _____

9. YOUR TURN Work in pairs. Talk about your preparations. Who was better prepared?

Before the eruption, I had bought extra water.

BE CURIOUS Find out about volcanoes in Russia. What is Sasha's job? (Workbook, p. 86)



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