

Watch the video and do the following exercises.

Choose all the correct usages of the PAST PERFECT.

- You use the past perfect with the past simple.
- You use the past perfect with no other tense.
- When you want to specify an action happened before another action in the past.
- When you want to explain the sequence of events in the past.

What action happened first in the following examples.

- Last week I didn't talk to you because I had scheduled a meeting at the time I ran into you.
- When I arrived at the party, they had already eaten the cake.
- Sofia told us an awesome idea, but the other group had already come up with it.

How would you say...

La comida estaba deliciosa porque ellos la habían comprado en un restaurante.

¿Cuánto tiempo habías estado en la reunión antes de que recordaras que tenías examen?

No había pensado en esa idea hasta que la mencionaste.

Read the situations and answer the questions.

- When I arrived at the party, Mia had already left.
- When I arrived at the party, Mia left.

In which case did you see Mia? _____.

- My mom was upset because we had been playing video games all day long.
- My mom was upset because we were playing video games all day long.

In which case did you stop playing video games? _____.

- I told mom about my bad grades, and dad arrived.
- I told mom about my bad grades, and dad had arrived.

In which case did dad listen to you? _____.

Complete the following stories with the correct form of the verb, simple past or past perfect.

- It _____ (be) a cold winter evening. Sarah _____ (finish) her work and _____ (decide) to go for a walk. After she _____ (walk) for an hour, she _____ (realize) that she _____ (lose) her way. Luckily, a kind stranger _____ (help) her find her way back home.
- Peter and Emma _____ (plan) a surprise party for their friend, Anna. They _____ (prepare) everything before Anna _____ (arrive). When Anna _____ (enter) the room, everyone _____ (shout), "Surprise!" Anna _____ (be) thrilled because she _____ (think) everyone _____ (forget) her birthday.
- Last weekend, Tom _____ (visit) his grandparents in the countryside. He _____ (spend) the whole day helping them with various chores. Grandma _____ (cook) a delicious meal after they _____ (complete) all the work. Tom _____ (enjoy) spending time with his grandparents, and he _____ (promise) to visit them again soon.