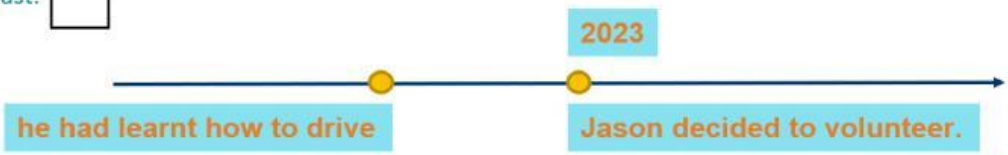
PAST PERFECT SIMPLE - meaning

This is the "*pastest*" past in the English language.

When do we use the **PAST PERFECT**? Read the sentences below and choose the correct option:

- By the time he decided to volunteer, Jason **had** *already* **learnt** how to drive.
- Before he decided to volunteer, Jason **had** *never* **lived** in Paraguay.
- Jason **had studied** Biology *long before* he decided to volunteer.

The PAST PERFECT is used to talk about an event which happened: **a.before / b.after** another event in the past. ☐



PAST PERFECT SIMPLE - form

hadn't **had x2** **finished x2**

had not/hadn't **had/'d**

POSITIVE/NEGATIVE FORMS		
I/You/He/She/It/ We/They		school by five o'clock.
QUESTION FORMS AND SHORT ANSWERS		
	I/you/he/she/it/ we/they	school by five o'clock?
Yes,	I/you/he/she/it/ we/they	
No,	I/you/he/she/it/ we/they	

We often use the past perfect with ***never, ever, already*** and ***just***. We put these words between ***had*** and the main verb.

PAST PERFECT SIMPLE - uses

Match the examples with the explanation:

1. My parents **had left** when I **arrived** home. ☐
2. By nine o'clock, **I'd phoned** three people and **had sent** three emails. ☐
3. He'**d drunk** nothing all day, so he **was** really thirsty. ☐
4. I'**d planned** to finish writing my essay this morning, but I've got a terrible headache. ☐

a. talk about situations that have changed.

b. explain past events or situations, or give background information

c. say what was completed before a specific past time

d. make the order of past events clear. The past perfect describes something that happened before an action in the past.

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