

The past perfect simple is used to talk about completed events which happened before another event in the past.

Example: I couldn't buy any milk, as **I had left** my wallet at home.

The past perfect continuous is used to describe events that started in the past and continued up until another time in the past.

Example: Tim went to the doctor because **he had been feeling** ill for a long time.



A. Complete the grammar rules with *past perfect simple* or *past perfect continuous*.

1. The is formed like this: *subject + had / hadn't + been + verb + ing*
2. The is formed like this: *subject + had / hadn't + past participle*

B. Match the past perfect simple or continuous sentence halves together.

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| 1. Kim looked different, | a. before moving to Paris. |
| 2. My hands were covered in flour | b. I had won the lottery. |
| 3. Jim hadn't eaten | c. we had been driving for six hours. |
| 4. She had studied French | d. as she had lost 15 kilos. |
| 5. Jo was breathing hard because | e. so he couldn't drive home |
| 6. By the time we arrived, | f. she had been running for an hour. |
| 7. Ken had been drinking all evening, | g. because I had been baking all day. |
| 8. I was delighted when I found out that | h. lunch, so he was very hungry. |

C. Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets in the past perfect simple or past perfect continuous.

1. Mary (cry) all night, so her face was red.
2. The train (leave) by the time I got to the station.
3. The team lost the game because they (not / practice) enough.
4. I (clean) the house, so I had a cloth in my hand.
5. We were celebrating because we (pass) all our exams.
6. My eyes were tired, as I (work) on the computer all day.
7. Our car (break down), so we had to take the bus..
8. I couldn't go out to play, as I (not / do) my homework.

D. Complete each sentence with a verb from the box in its past perfect simple or past perfect continuous form.

exercise	not / steal	not / brush	drive	break	forget
buy	start	run out	not / eat	wait	eat

1. My mother was angry when she found out I her favourite vase.
2. The movie by the time I arrived at the theatre.
3. My muscles were sore because I hard all week
4. I too fast, so the policeman stopped me and gave me a ticket.
5. I tried to call you, then I realised I of credit on my phone.
6. The cat was hungry because his owner to feed him.
7. Bob had lost weight as he very much recently.
8. The teacher wasn't happy when I told her the dog my homework.
9. Nobody believed Jack when he said that he the money.
10. By the time the bus arrived, I for over an hour.
11. Peter was upset since nobody him a birthday present.
12. Joe his teeth yet, so his breath smelt terrible.

E. Complete the sentences with your own ideas using the past perfect simple or past perfect continuous.

1. The young boy was crying loudly
2. I couldn't go to Jerry's party
3. I looked in the mirror and realised
4. The old man was arrested
5. I called her to tell her
6. By the time the film ended
7. We were exhausted
8. By the time I woke up