



Past Perfect

We use the past perfect when we are already talking about the past and we 'go back' to say that something had happened before.

THE FORM

had / hadn't + the past participle

I had done it.

She hadn't done it.

Had they done it?

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Study the examples:

She was afraid because she *had* never *flown* before.

He loved the house. He *had lived* there all his life.

After we *had done* our HW, we went to bed.

They *had left* before I could say anything.

She said she *hadn't written* it.

Had you *checked* the mail before you sent it?

Match the sentence halves so they make full sense.

After they had eaten dinner,
After Rita had taken a hot bath,
After he had painted the hall,
When they had won the match,
Before the robbers left,
I lent the magazine to Sophie
After Lisa had tried on 5 sweaters,
When he had finished eating,
When she had completely recovered,

after I had finished reading it.
the bank clerk had called the police.
she finally took the red one.
they went to a pub to celebrate.
Mandy could leave the hospital.
Mark cleared the table.
Jack decided to have a rest.
Peter asked for a cup of coffee.
she felt much better.

Now you understand this topic, you can go back and give the text another try