Past Perfect Worksheet

1. Theory Reminder

Use Past Perfect to talk about an action that happened before another action in the past.

Formulas:
Affirmative: had + V3 / -ed
Negative: had not (hadn't) + V3 / -ed
Question: Had + subject + V3 / -ed?

Task A — Which action happened first? Write sentences with BEFORE

Example: I arrived at school. / The lesson had started.

The lesson had started before I arrived at school.

1. She had cleaned her room. / She watched a movie.
2. They met at the café. / He had called her.
3. We had eaten breakfast. / We left home.
4. The concert started. / The band had finished rehearsing.

Task B — Put the verbs into Past Perfect

Use had + V3.

Example: When we got home, the dog (run away) had run away.

1. She was happy because she (pass) _____ the exam.
2. By the time we arrived, the shop (close) _____.
3. He couldn't join us because he (not finish) _____ his work.
4. They were tired because they (walk) _____ all day.

Task C — Rewrite using Past Perfect

Example: After they ate dinner, they went for a walk.

After they had eaten dinner, they went for a walk.

1. When I called her, she left the house.
2. Before we reached the bus stop, the bus left.
3. When he arrived, the movie finished.
4. After I read the book, I wrote a review.

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