

English Grammar Activity: The Past Perfect Tense

Part 1: Affirmative or Negative?

Instructions: Fill in the blanks using the **Past Perfect Simple** (had + past participle). Based on the context of each sentence, decide whether the verb should be in the **affirmative** or **negative** form.

1. I arrived at the cinema late. The movie _____ already _____ (**start**), so I missed the first ten minutes.
 2. She failed the exam because she _____ (**study**) enough during the week.
 3. By the time we reached the summit, the sun _____ (**set**), and it was very dark.
 4. They didn't have any money for the bus because they _____ (**find**) their wallets after losing them.
 5. The garden was dying because it _____ (**rain**) for three months.
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Part 2: Past Perfect vs. Past Simple

Instructions: Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the **Past Simple** for the main event and the **Past Perfect** for the action that happened earlier.

1. When I _____ (**get**) home, my mother _____ already _____ (**cook**) dinner.
 2. He _____ (**be**) very tired because he _____ (**work**) for twelve hours straight.
 3. The teacher _____ (**notice**) that some students _____ (**not / do**) the homework.
 4. After they _____ (**see**) the film, they _____ (**go**) out for a pizza.
 5. I _____ (**not / recognize**) him because he _____ (**change**) so much since the last time we met.
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Part 3: Reading Comprehension:

Instructions: Read the following story and answer the questions below. Pay close attention to the sequence of events.

The Unexpected Surprise

When Mark **arrived** at his house last Friday, he **noticed** something strange. He **had left** the front door locked, but now it was wide open. He felt nervous because he **hadn't seen** any suspicious cars in the neighborhood when he drove in.

Slowly, he walked into the kitchen. The lights were on, but he was sure he **had turned** them off before leaving for work. On the table, there was a large cake. His friends **had organized** a surprise party for his birthday, but they **had arrived** two hours earlier than expected! Mark laughed because he **had forgotten** it was his own birthday.



True or False

Instructions: Write **True** or **False** based on the text.

1. _____ Mark had locked the door before he went to work.
2. _____ Mark saw a suspicious car before he entered the house.
3. _____ The lights were off when Mark entered the kitchen.
4. _____ His friends arrived after Mark got home.
5. _____ Mark hadn't remembered it was his birthday.

Comprehension Check (Closed & Open Questions)

Instructions: Answer the following questions based on the story "The Unexpected Surprise". Remember to use the **Past Perfect** in your answers where appropriate.

1. **Had Mark left the front door open when he went to work?**

Answer: _____

2. **Had Mark seen anything unusual in the street before he entered?**

Answer: _____

3. **Why was Mark surprised when he entered the kitchen?**

Answer: _____

4. **What had the friends prepared for Mark on the table?**

Answer: _____

5. **By the time Mark got home, what had he forgotten?**

Answer: _____