

PAST PERFECT TENSE



Why couldn't you get in your car?



Because I **had left** the keys inside.

The past perfect is a tense that is used mainly to express actions that occurred before others that occurred in the past.

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FORM	STRUCTURE	EXAMPLES
AFFIRMATIVE	Sujeto + had + verbo (past participle) + (complemento)	He had been there before.
NEGATIVE	Sujeto + had + not + verbo (past participle) + (complemento)	They hadn't eaten anything yet.
INTERROGATIVE	Had + sujeto + verbo (past participle) + (complemento)	Had you ever done bungee jumping?



Finish the sentences using the past perfect:

- Dann didn't pass the exams because... he hadn't studied a lot
- When we got to the party... they had eaten the cake
- Brian was broke because... he had falled down the roof
- By the time Lara finally got up... because she had slept late

- a. I didn't want to see her because... she had been a bad person
- f. When I called for the job... it had occupied
- g. By the time the film finished... I hadn't understood the plot.
- h. Did you go home after ...? No, I had visited to my friends

2 Write the correct form of the past perfect.

- a. By 9:00, I _____ (finish) my report. had finished
- b. By 10:00, I _____ (make) 20 phone calls. had made
- c. By 11:00 I _____ (sell) 1,000 stock shares. had sold
- d. By 12:00, I _____ (meet) with a new client. had met
- e. By 1:00 I _____ (earn) \$1,000,000. had earned
- f. By 2:00 I _____ (lose) everything! had lost

3 Choose the correct verb from the list below to complete the following sentences.

MAKE - START - WRITE - LEAVE - FORGET - FLY - ESCAPE - CLOSE - GIVE - RING
- EAT - CHANGE - GO - SEE

- a. When I got to the house, Mary wasn't there. She had already left
- b. I didn't recognize my old classmate because she had chased so much.
- c. We were late for the show last night. By the time we got to the theater, the movie had already started.
- d. Yesterday I went on my first plane trip. I was very nervous because I had never flown before.
- e. I couldn't eat much dinner last night because I had eaten such a big lunch.
- f. I couldn't buy any groceries last night because when I got to the supermarket, it had already closed.
- g. Last week our teacher gave back the essays we had written the week before.
- h. The house was quiet when Andrew got home. Everyone had gone to bed several hours earlier.
- i. They got to school late yesterday. The bell had already rung.
- j. Sheila couldn't come to my house last night because she had already made other plans.

- k. We couldn't find the house. It was clear that he had given us the wrong address.
- l. Annie didn't want to come to the movie with us because she had seen it the week before.
- m. By the time the police arrived at the bank, the robber had already escaped.
- n. I couldn't get into my apartment when I came home from work last night because I had forgotten to take my key.

4 Complete the sentences below using the past perfect in the negative and the words provided.

- a. Joe had to study hard for yesterday's test because... (he/not do well/ the week before)

he hadn't done well the week before

- b. I was worried when she didn't arrive on time because... (she/ not be/ late/ before)

she had not been late before

- c. Judy didn't want to go on the school ski trip because (she/not ski/ before)

she had not skied before

- d. I didn't recognize Ellen at the party because.... (I not/see/ for years)

I had not seen her for years

- e. John didn't catch the bus because.... (he/not leave/ the house/ on time)

he had not left the house on time

- f. Andy ate a huge supper last night because... (he/not eat/ all day)

he had not eaten all day

- g. The farmers' fields were very dry because... (it/not rain/ for weeks)

it had not rained for weeks