

## 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.

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 fallen down the roof  
 The time Lara finally got up... because she had slept late

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

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 changed 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 ate 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 rang.  
 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 had not 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 for years

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

He hadn't left the house on time

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

He hadn't eaten all day

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

It hadn't rained for weeks