

## Past Perfect

The past perfect tense is for talking about something that happened before something else.

Example We were shocked to discover that someone had graffiti'd on our front door

Past Simple We were shocked to discover

Past Perfect: Someone had graffiti'd on our front door

the teacher explained about past perfect while the student had done the test

The past perfect, also called the pluperfect is a verb tense used to talk about actions that were completed before some point in the past

The past perfect simple is used to describe one action that happened before another action in the past

After Sofia had finished her work, she went to lunch

Past perfect: Sofia <sup>had</sup> finished

Past Simple: She

I washed the floor when the painter had gone

Past perfect: the painter

Past Simple: I washed

## Affirmative Sentences

Subject + had + Verb (Participle) + complement

John had to write a poem

John had written a poem

They had slept on the bed

John had run on the street

Sava had <sup>stolen</sup>  
~~broken~~ to the teacher

Mary had <sup>told</sup>  
~~given~~ a secret to her boyfriend

The doctor had spoken in a conference about  
the cancer

### Negative Form.

Subject + had + not + verb (participle) + complement

John had not spoken English with his friends

They had not slept on the bed

Jan had not run on the street

Sara had not stolen to the teacher

Mary had not told a secret to her boyfriend

The doctor had not spoken in a conference

about the

Question

Had + subject + verb (participle) + complement

Had Juan spoken English with his friends

had they slept on the bed

had Juan run on the street

had Sara stolen to the teacher

had Mary told a secret to the boyfriend

the had the doctor spoken in a conference ...

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- 1 I thought I knew her. I thought I \_\_\_\_\_ her before
- 2 He \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) only twice in his life before the accident
- 3 Bonny no longer had her car. She \_\_\_\_\_ (sell)
- 4 I saw Annabel last week. She \_\_\_\_\_ (change) a
- 5 Terry wasn't at home. He \_\_\_\_\_ (go) out
- 6 I tried to find Mr Jones, but he wasn't around
- 7 then I found out he \_\_\_\_\_ (die)
- 8 He didn't need to borrow the car because \_\_\_\_\_ (have) his bike repaired
- 9 Jenny \_\_\_\_\_ (get) home when the party was
- 10 The new restaurant wasn't open any longer. It \_\_\_\_\_ (close) down
- 11 He fed the cat because no-one \_\_\_\_\_ (feed) it for days

1 had seen

2 had driven

3 had sold

4 had changed

5 had gone

6 had died

7 had had

8 had got

9 had closed

10 had fed

### Exercises

• I / work = I worked

• He / Paint = he had painted

• We / listen = we had listened

• you / speak = you had spoken

• they / find = they had found

1 When we arrived, the show (start / already)  
~~when we~~

2 we went to a place where (be / never) before

3 The teacher wanted to know whether we (read) the book

4 Yesterday I met a friend that I (see / not) for ages

1 start had already (own = had already started)

2 be had never (own = had never been)

3 we had read (own = had read)

4 I see had not (own = had not seen)



1 (your husband / make / dinner) = when you got home?

2 (Lisa / finish / her homework) = when set out with

3 (you / have / breakfast) = when you started to work?

4 (what / he / do) = that made you so upset with him the other

1 (she / move / to London / already) = when she met her boyfriend?

1 had your husband made dinner?

2 had Lisa finished her homework?

3 had you had breakfast?

4 what had he done?

1 had she already moved to London?