

Past Perfect

had + past participle

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KEY RULE:

Past Perfect = had + past participle. Use for the EARLIER of two past actions.

1 Choose the correct Past Perfect

EASY

Choose the correct form.

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| 1. When I arrived, she ____ already left. | 2. He felt tired because he ____ worked all night. |
| 3. I ____ never seen snow before that winter. | 4. By the time we arrived, the film ____. |
| 5. She ____ finished homework before dinner. | 6. They ____ never been to Japan before 2022. |
| 7. I felt sick because I ____ eaten too much. | 8. ____ you ____ that film before? |
| 9. He ____ met her before the party. (negative) | 10. By 9pm, we ____ already finished dinner. |

2 Write the Past Perfect form

MEDIUM

Write had + past participle.

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| 1. She (leave) ____ before I arrived. | 2. He (never/try) ____ sushi before that night. |
| 3. By the time we called, they (already/go) ____. | 4. I (not/eat) ____ all day, so I was starving. |
| 5. She felt nervous because she (not/prepare) ____. | 6. He (live) ____ there 10 years before moving. |
| 7. (you/ever/be) ____ to London before 2018? | 8. I (just/finish) ____ when the phone rang. |
| 9. They (never/meet) ____ before the conference. | 10. She (already/see) ____ the film, so didn't come. |

3 Past Perfect vs Past Simple

HARD

Choose the correct tense.

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| 1. When he got home, family ____ to bed. | 2. She ____ the letter, folded it, put in envelope. |
| 3. Exhausted because I ____ slept for two days. | 4. When police arrived, the thief ____. |
| 5. I ____ the film before, so knew what'd happen. | 6. We arrived at station but train ____. |
| 7. He felt embarrassed because he ____ wrong name. | 8. After she ____ exam, she went to celebrate. |
| 9. She ____ home when I called, no answer. | 10. He ____ never flown before, so was terrified. |

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Past Perfect or Past Simple?**HARDER**

Write Past Perfect or Past Simple.

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| 1. Late because I (miss) ____ the bus. | 2. She (study) ____ English 3 years before London. |
| 3. By 2020, he (work) ____ there for a decade. | 4. Meeting (start) ____ by time we arrived. |
| 5. I (not/realise) ____ my mistake until she said. | 6. She (never/drive) ____ manual car before that. |
| 7. He (just/sit) ____ down when boss called. | 8. They (be) ____ married 20 years when divorced. |
| 9. Knew answer because I (read) ____ the chapter. | 10. She (already/leave) ____ when I got there. |

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Past Perfect forms

1 had

2 had

3 had

4 had started

5 had

6 had

7 had

8 Had/seen

9 hadn't

10 had

2 Exercise 2 Written forms

1 had left

2 had never tried

3 had already gone

4 hadn't eaten

5 hadn't prepared

6 had lived

7 had you ever been

8 had just finished

9 had never met

10 had already seen

3 Exercise 3 Correct tenses

1 had gone

2 wrote (Past Simple)

3 hadn't

4 had escaped

5 had seen

6 had left

7 had said

8 had finished

9 had already left

10 had

4 Exercise 4 PP or Past Simple

1 had missed

2 had studied

3 had worked

4 had started

5 hadn't realised

6 had never driven

7 had just sat

8 had been

9 had read

10 had already left