

Past Perfect tense

The Past perfect tense indicates that an action was completed (finished or perfected) at some point in the past before something else happened.

Past Perfect Forms

1. Past Perfect Affirmative Statements

To form the past perfect we use **subject+ had+ the past participle of the main verb**

Example: You **had studied** English before you moved to New York.

2. Past Perfect Negative Statements

To form the negative, simply add **“not”** after **“had”**:

Subject +had+ not+ past participle

Example: you **had not studied** English before you moved to New York.

3. Yes / No questions

To form questions we use **Had+ subject+ past participle**

Example: **had** you **studied** English before you moved to New York?

4. wh –questions in the past perfect tense

To create a wh- question we use Wh-word+ had+ subject+ past participle form of the verb

Example: **where had** you **studied** English before you moved to New York?

Exercise 1: put the verbs into the correct form (past perfect simple)

1. When I arrived at the cinema, the film (start)

2. She (live)..... before she went to Thailand.
3. The garden was dead because it (be)..... dry all summer
4. We were late for the plane because we (forget)..... our passports.
5. Julie and Anne (not/meet)..... before the party.
7. We could not go into the concert because we(not /bring)..... our tickets
8. They (not/ eat)so we went to a restaurant.

Exercise 2:

Complete the questions in Past Perfect Simple.

1. (What/ Bob/do)..... that he was kept in after school?
2. (You/eat).....anything before you went to the theatre?
3. He/ live)in London before he moved to Glasgow?
4. (She/ find)a new job by that time?
5. (They/ book)..... a room before they went to Dublin?
6. (How often/ you /ring).....the bell before he answered the door?
7. (why/ they/ have)dinner before they came to the party?
8. (Carly/wash).....the dishes when her mum came home?
9. (you/ read).....the contract before you signed it?
10. (who/live).....in the house before we moved in?

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