



PAST PERFECT 1



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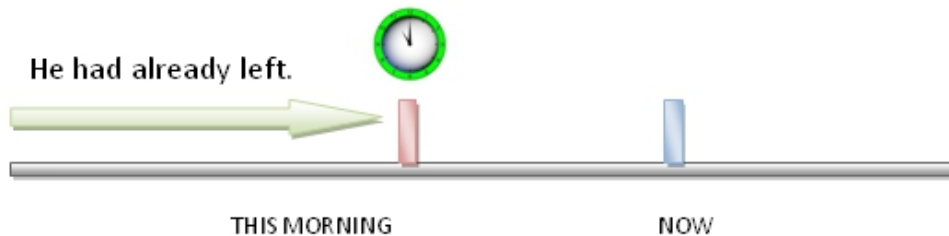
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Presentation

The **past perfect simple** (*had + past participle*) is used to talk about past actions or situations that happened before a specific time in the past.

I arrived at Jack's house at 11am this morning. When I arrived, he **had already left**.



USE 1 We often use the **past perfect** with the **past simple** to talk about something that happened before an event in the past:

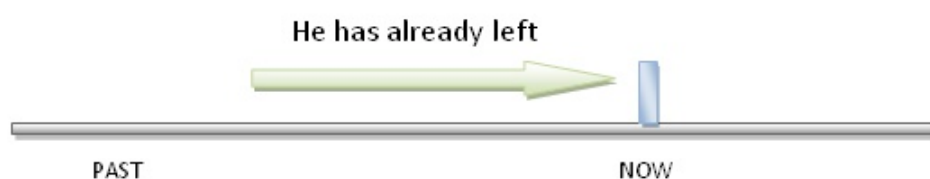
I **tried** to call Anne but she **had lost** her phone.

Tom **was** late because he **had been stuck** in traffic.

When I **turned on** the TV, the match **had already started**.

USE 2 The **past perfect** is the past of the **present perfect** (*have/has + past participle*). We use the present perfect to talk about actions or situations that happened before or up to **now**:

Jack isn't at home right now. He **has already left**.





USE 3 We often use the **past perfect** with time expressions such as *already, just, since, for, never, etc.*:

We got divorced last year. We'd **been** married **for** nearly ten years.

When I called Josie, she'd **just finished** her homework.

I sold my car yesterday. I'd **had** it **since** 2005.

NOTE: We normally say 'd *had* instead of *had had*.

2**Practice 1 - Changes before the past**

Look at the pictures of the actress Marilyn Monroe in 1945 and 1957. Look at the picture on the right and complete the sentences below.

**become****dye****change****receive****be married****earn**

1. She _____ a famous actress.
2. She _____ her hair blond.
3. She _____ her name.
4. She _____ twice.
5. She _____ a number of awards for her performances.
6. She _____ a lot of money.



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Practice 2 - Present perfect, past perfect or past simple

Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form, past perfect, present perfect or past simple:

1. When we arrived at the cinema, the film _____ (already/start).
2. Until then, it _____ (hardly ever/rain).
3. I _____ (graduate) from university in 2001.
4. While we were travelling in Argentina, we _____ (come across) a wonderful small town full of chocolate shops.
5. I _____ (be) stuck in traffic for half an hour this morning.
6. It was my first time in Scotland. I _____ (never/be) there before.
7. I _____ (never/visit) London. What's it like?
8. When you called me, I _____ (just/finish) cooking dinner.
9. Their kitchen is really dirty. They _____ (not/clean) it for weeks.
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11. _____ (you/see) the match last night?
12. I didn't want to go to that restaurant because I _____ (eat) there so many times.
13. I'm full. I _____ (eat) too much.
14. I _____ (not/want) a dessert because I'd eaten too much.