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PAST PERFECT TENSE

When there are two actions that happened in the past, we use past perfect for the earlier action.

Formation

We form the past perfect simple with **had + past participle**.

AFFIRMATIVE			NEGATIVE			QUESTION		
I	had	worked come	I	had not	worked come	had	I	worked? come?
You			You				You	
He			He				He	
She			She				She	
It			It				It	
We			We				We	
They			They				They	

Some verbs are 'regular', other verbs are 'irregular':

- The past participle of **regular verbs** has an -ed ending (work - worked). When we add -ed to verbs, there are sometimes changes in spelling (stop - stopped).
- **Irregular verbs** have different past participle forms (come - come, see - seen)

Usage

When we are talking about the past, we sometimes want to refer back to an earlier past.



We use the past perfect (e.g. she had gone out) to talk about something which had happened before the past time we are thinking about (e.g. when I telephoned).

More examples:

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Compare the uses of the past perfect and past simple:

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PAST SIMPLE

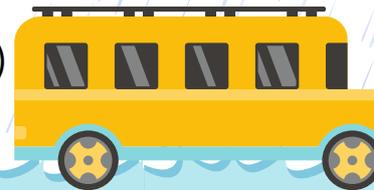
We got to the station at 7:20 and train **left** at 7:30.

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Warm up 1

Write the verbs in the correct tense.

1. The bus _____ before Tom arrived. (leave)
2. She asked if he _____ his work before going home. (finish)
3. I took a walk after I _____ my dinner. (eat)
4. My friend told me that she _____ a new dress. (buy)
5. Jack told me that he _____ the sports competition. (enter)
6. The visitors said they _____ a lot of shopping. (do)
7. They _____ for ten minutes before a bus came. (wait)
8. They got very wet because it _____ heavily. (rain)



Warm up 2

Read the announcement and fill in the blanks below with the correct verb form.

Public Announcement:

All ferries to the outlying islands have been cancelled until the typhoon has passed.

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- I told my friend that the ferries 1. _____ (be) cancelled until the typhoon 2. _____ (pass). She asked me how I 3. _____ (know) this. I told her that I 4. _____ (read) the notice. 'Where 5. _____ you _____ (see) the notice?' she asked me. I replied that I 6. _____ (go) to the ferry terminus. The last ferry 7. _____ (leave) before I arrived.

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Example:

I **had watched** a movie before
I had a violin practice yesterday.



Practice 1

Let's help Dorothy and her friends to complete the sentences in simple past tense or past perfect tense:

- 1 Before Dorothy crossed the road, she.....
[look] both ways.
- 2 By the time Dorothy arrived, the Scarecrow[go].
- 3 When Dorothy arrived, the Cowardly Lion..... [roar] at her because he thought she was a witch.
- 4 Dorothy[help] the tin-man find his heart again.
- 5 Dorothy felt great after she [find] the scarecrow.



Practice 2

Fill in each blank with past simple or past perfect tense.

- 1 The train _____(leave) the station by the time he _____(arrive).
- 2 Before I _____(reach) Jaime's house, Jaime _____(leave) home already.
- 3 By the time my brother _____(arrive) at the football stadium, the game _____nearly _____(finish).
- 4 My dog _____(not eat) all day, so it _____(be) hungry when I got home.
- 5 I _____(tell) my dad that I _____(do) my work.

Practice 3

Make 2 sentences using past perfect tense with the following words:

- 1 The plane _____

- 2 The movie _____



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Let's compare these tenses

Simple Past Tense	An event occurred at a particular time in the past or took place regularly in the past.	e.g. My father flew to Korea yesterday.
Present Perfect Tense	Expressing an action that happened in the past but you do not want to say the exact time of the action, or to talk about an action started in the past and is still happening now.	e.g. I have known John since I was a child.
Past Perfect Tense	Describing a past action that occurred before a particular time in the past. Usually this tense is not used in a one verb sentence.	e.g. My eyes felt tired after I had watched TV for many hours.



Tenses can be used with particular adverbs of time

Simple Past	yesterday, last week / month / year, the day before, in (year), ago, in the past, once upon a time
Present Perfect	for, since, already, yet, just, recently
Past Perfect	before, after

Circle the correct answers.

- _____ you _____ my dictionary?
(a) Had...seen (b) Have...seen (c) Do...see (d) Did...see
- The children _____ their kite themselves before they flew it.
(a) was painting (b) had painted (c) have painted (d) were painting
- The piano had been tuned before the concert _____.
(a) have begun (b) began (c) had begun (d) was beginning
- The prices of our books _____ last term.
(a) lowered (b) not lowered (c) had been lowered (d) were lowered
- They asked us if we _____ our tickets.
(a) bought (b) had bought (c) have bought (d) were bought
- The walls _____ painted since we moved in.
(a) have not been (b) had not been (c) were (d) was

