



# Past Perfect

We use the past perfect when we are already talking about the past and we 'go back' to say that something had happened before.

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| <p>had / hadn't + the past participle</p> <p>I had done it.</p> <p>She hadn't done it.</p> <p>Had they done it ?</p> | <p>Study the examples :</p> <p>She was afraid because she <i>had</i> never <i>flown</i> before.</p> <p>He loved the house. He <i>had lived</i> there all his life.</p> <p>After we <i>had done</i> our HW, we went to bed.</p> <p>They <i>had left</i> before I could say anything.</p> <p>She said she <i>hadn't written</i> it .</p> <p><i>Had you checked</i> the mail before you sent it ?</p> |

Match the sentence halves using the past simple and past perfect . Use **WHEN** or **AFTER**.  
e.g. **After / when they had done their HW, they could play PC games.**

They ate the dinner.  
She felt much better.  
Jack decided to have a rest.  
They went to a pub to celebrate it.  
The bank clerk called the police.  
I finished reading the magazine.  
Lisa tried on five sweaters.  
Peter asked for a cup of coffee.  
She completely recovered.  
They could play PC games.

She finally took the red one.  
He finished eating.  
They did their homework.  
I lent it to Sophie.  
Mandy could leave the hospital.  
He painted the hall and the kitchen.  
Mark cleared the table.  
Rita took a hot bath.  
They won the match.  
The robbers left.



Finish the sentences using the past perfect :

- Sue didn't pass the exams because...
- When we got to the party...
- Mark was broke because...
- By the time Lara finally got up...
- I didn't want to see her because...
- When I called for the job...
- By the time the film finished...
- Did you go home after ...?



Answer the questions using the past perfect :

- Why was she so excited ?
- Why did he feel tired ?
- Why was the fridge empty ?
- Why were you sick ?
- Why wasn't she at the party ?
- What did he learn when he called the office ?



Rewrite the sentences using the past simple and past perfect :

- She soon (realize) that she (spend) all her money.
- He (be) tired because he (not eat) anything since the morning.
- When all the guests (leave) I (start) tidying.
- As soon as Jack (eat) his ice-cream he (go) to buy another one.
- The police never (find out) where he (hide) the money.
- We (not recognize) her. She (cut) her hair.
- She (be) very upset because he (not answer) her e-mails.
- I (know) my wife for 5 years before we finally (marry) in 2009.
- The film already (start) when we (arrive).

