

GRAMMAR: The Past Perfect

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Sara **had learned** English **before** she **went** to the USA.



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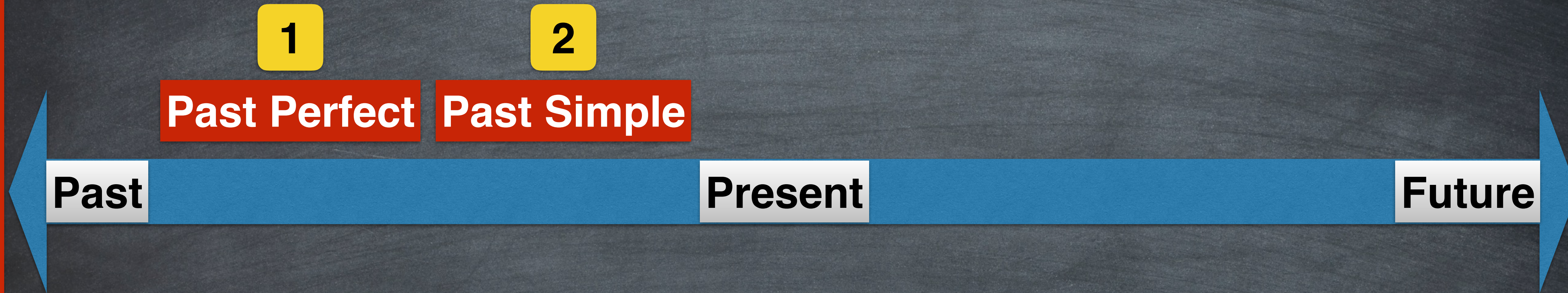
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Karim **had graduated** from a business school. ***After that*** he **started** working at a big bank.



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Use the past perfect tense to show an action that was completed **before** another action that took place in the past.

Past Perfect

before

Past Simple

Past Simple

after

Past Perfect



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POSITIVE FORM

had + past participle

I had worked.

You had worked.

She had worked.

They had worked.

NEGATIVE FORM

had not + past participle

I had not worked.

You had not worked.

She had not worked.

They had not worked.

I **had** worked = I'd worked

I **had not** worked = I **hadn't** worked

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Complete the chart with the past participle forms of the verbs.

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play move listen stop study	played	be do have speak catch understand begin wear spend	been

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stop	stopped	speak	spoken
study	studied	catch	caught
		understand	understood
		begin	begun
		wear	worn
		spend	spent

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Put the verbs in the past perfect. Use the affirmative form.

1. I lost the key that he had given (*give*) to me yesterday.
2. He told me that he _____ (*see*) the film before.
3. I went outside as I _____ (*hear*) a noise.
4. When they came home, Liza _____ (*already cook*) dinner.
5. We could not send you a postcard because we _____ (*lose*) your address.
6. They _____ (*wait*) for 1 hour before the train finally arrived.

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Put the verbs in the past perfect. Use the negative form.

1. The waiter served something that we hadn't ordered (*not/order*).
2. He went to the country which he _____ (*not/visit*) before.
3. She picked out the red dress, which she _____ (*not/wear*) for ages.
4. He _____ (*not/swim*) in the beach before that day.
5. His mother was angry because he _____ (*not/do*) the shopping for her.

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Complete the questions. Use the past perfect.

1. (*you/finish*) **Had you finished** your homework before you went to the cinema?
2. Why (*you/not/clean*) _____ the bathroom before you took a bath?
3. (*you/have*) _____ breakfast before you left the house?
4. (*she/manage*) _____ to find a place to stay when she went to London?
5. Where (*she/stay*) _____ before she moved to live with her friend?

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Complete the questions. Use the past perfect.

1. *Had you finished* your homework before you went to the cinema?
2. Why *hadn't you cleaned* the bathroom before you took a bath?
3. *Had you had* breakfast before you left the house?
4. *Had she managed* to find a place to stay when she went to London?
5. Where *had she stayed* before she moved to live with her friend?

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Put the verbs in the simple past or past perfect.

1. The storm **destroyed** (*destroy*) the house that they had built.
2. The students _____ (*clean*) the blackboard they had used to do the Math exercise.
3. When she went out to play, she _____ (*already/do*) her homework.
4. She _____ (*eat*) all of the food that we had made.
5. He put on the jacket he _____ (*buy*) from the new shopping mall.

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GRAMMAR: The Past Perfect Continuous



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They **had been waiting** there **for more than two hours** when the bus finally **arrived**.



Use the past perfect continuous for a **long action** that happened **before** a past action. It refers to a **duration** of an event in the past.

GRAMMAR: The Past Perfect Continuous

POSITIVE FORM

had been + verb+ing

I had been waiting.

You had been waiting.

She had been waiting.

They had been waiting.

NEGATIVE FORM

had not been + verb+ing

I had not been waiting.

You had not been waiting.

She had not been waiting.

They had not been waiting.

I **had** been waiting = I'**d** been waiting

I **had not** been waiting = I **hadn't** been waiting

GRAMMAR: The Past Perfect Continuous

Use the past perfect or the past perfect continuous.

1. I *had been trying* (*try*) to get tickets for that comedy show for months before my friend finally got them.
2. When I arrived at the theater, my friend _____ (*already/buy*) the tickets.
3. He was really angry because he _____ (*wait*) for more than half an hour when I arrived.
4. When the show started, I _____ (*already/apologize*) to my friend.
5. We _____ (*watch*) the show when the lights went off.

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5. We *had been watching* the show when the lights went off.