

Grammar

written ...

Past perfect simple, past perfect continuous

Past perfect simple

Lyou/he/she/it/we/they had ('d)

had + past participle

statement

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negative \/you/he/she/it/we/lhey had not (hadn't) question

Had I/you/he/she/it/we/they written ...?

Use	Example	Helpful hi	
Actions and states before a moment in the past	I'd finished my homework a few minutes before the lesson started. Mrs Cross had been a teacher for twenty years before she became a head	The past perfe words and phra by by the time	ct simple is often used with the following ases: I'd finished my homework by eight o'clock. By the time I got to class, the lesson had started.
	teacher.	 before 	The teacher had checked the answers before the lesson.
Finished actions and states where the important thing is the	We were happy because we'd all done our homework.	= after = just	I left after I'd finished the test. Simon had just finished the test when the bell rang.



the past

result at a moment in

Whether we use the past simple or the past perfect simple can change the meaning of a sentence.

· when

- ✓ The lesson started when I arrived. (= I arrived and then the lesson started.)
- √ The lesson had started when I arrived. (= The lesson started and then I arrived.)
- Some verbs have irregular past participle forms. See page 182.

Past perfect continuous

had + been + -ing

statement

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l/you/he/she/it/we/they had ('d) been writing ... negative

l/you/he/she/it/we/they had not (hadn't) been writing ...

question

I left when I'd finished the test.

Had I/you/he/she/it/we/they been writing ...?

Use	Example
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Actions continuing up to, or stopping just before, a moment in the past We'd been doing grammar exercises for over an hour, so we were really bored! They had a break because

They had a break because they'd been working so hard.

Helpful hints

The past perfect continuous is often used with the following words and phrases:

· for

Tony had been studying for hours, so he had a headache.

since

She'd been hoping to win the competition since the summer.

before

We'd been talking about the Internet **before** the lesson started.

all day/night/etc I'd been studying all day.



- The past perfect simple often emphasises the result of an action:
- ✓ She'd written an article for the school newspaper. (= She'd finished it.)
- The past perfect continuous often emphasises the action, and the time spent on the action, rather than the result.
 - ✓ She'd been writing an article for the newspaper. (= She'd started, but she hadn't finished it.)

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Con	uplete using the correct past perfect simple	e form of the verbs in brackets.
		(leave)!
	ty the time I arrived, everyone(already / see) the time I arrived, everyone(already / see) the time I arrived are the time I arrived at the	
2 S	ina (not / finish) doing	the housework by seven o'clock, so she called
2 T	ina (not / finish) doing	the meaders of the
	independ to tall her she walled be idle.	
	(you / just / speak) to	
5 7	The car broke down just after	(I / already / eat) at home.
6 1	didn't eat anything at the party because	accident before you saw it on TV?
7 .	you / near/ about the	
Ch	oose the sentence (A or B) which means th	ne same as the first sentence.
	We'd had dinner when Wendy arrived. A. Wendy arrived and then we had dinner.	5 Mr Banks hadn't arrived at the office by the time I got there. A I arrived before Mr Banks.
	B We had dinner and then Wendy arrived.	B Mr Banks arrived before me.
2	I read the book after I'd seen the film. A I saw the film and then I read the book. B I read the book and then I saw the film.	They'd bought the plane tickets before the heard about the cheaper flight. They bought the plane tickets and later
	By the time Dad came home, I'd gone to bed. A I went to bed before Dad came home. B I went to bed after Dad came home.	they heard about the cheaper flight. B They heard about the cheaper flight and then they bought the plane tickets. 7 The girls had tidled the house when the
4	She didn't go to bed until her mum had come home.	visitors arrived.
	A She went to bed and then her mum came	A The visitors arrived and later the girls tidied the house.
	home. B Her mum came home and then she went to bed.	B The girls tidied the house and then the visitors arrived.
P	Vrite sentences using the prompts. One of perfect simple.	
	1 we/just/hear/the news/when/you/ring	***************************************
3	2 I / already / think of / that / before / you / su	ggest / it
	3 when / 1 / turn on / the TV / the programme /	/ already / start
	4 she / he / hungry / hecause / she / not / eat	t / anything / all day
	5 by the time / I leave / school / I / decide / to	Language / a musician

			2 They were 3 The garde night). 4 Did they of 5 When I ar hour).	ired because (run). hot because (dance). en was flooded because (it / rain / all crash because (drive / too fast)? rived, (they / wait / for over half an ot there,
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	hoose the correct an	the washing-up for a few	4 Mum had several mir in it! A drunk	her cup of tea for utes before she realised it had sa
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1	had	This morning my exam results finally had came. I'd been expecting
2	and profession and a second second	them for the last week. I knew I'd been done quite well, but I was
3	***************************************	still nervous as I had opened the envelope. Before I'd had a chance to
4		look at them, my sister ran up and pulled them out of my hand! She
5		had read them out one by one. 'English A, maths A, biology A,
6		French A ' This was the news I'd been waiting for. I'd got As in
7		every subject - even geography, which I hadn't been making sure
8		about! When Mum and Dad heard the news, they immediately started
9	(a1) (10) (10) (10) (10)	been shouting with joy. By the time I'd had breakfast, Mum had
10		already called Grandma and Grandpa and had yet told the neighbours