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Past Perfect rules and examples

had + past participle (3rd form)

Examples for regular verbs ending **-ed**: look - looked, watch - watched.

Some verbs are not regular. You have to learn them by heart.

Past participle irregular verbs

arisen, awoken, been, borne, beaten or beat, become, begun, bent, bet, bitten, blown, broken, brought, built, burned or burnt, burst, bought, caught, chosen, clung, come, cost, cut, dealt, dug, done, drawn, dreamed or dreamt, drunk, driven, eaten, fallen, fed, felt, fought, found, flown, forbidden, forgotten, forgiven, frozen, gotten or got, given, gone, ground, grown, had, heard, hidden, hit, held, hurt, kept, known, laid, led, left, lent, let, lain, lost, made, meant, met, paid, put, quit, read, ridden, rung, risen, run, said, seen, sold, sent, set, shaken, shone or shined, shot, shown, shrunk, shut, sung, sunk, sat, slept, slid, spoken, spent, split, spread, sprung, stood, stolen, struck, sworn, swept, swum, taken, taught, torn, told, thought, thrown, understood, upset, woken, worn, woven, won, wound, written.

Past Perfect examples:

I **had done** the homework.

You **had done** the homework.

He/She **had done** the homework.

We **had done** the homework.

You **had done** the homework.

They **had done** the homework.

Use of the past perfect

Past Perfect expresses: Something happened before another action in the past or something happened before a specific time in the past.

He had worked hard before he became ill.

They had talked to the teacher before they left the school.

Past perfect signal words

Signal words: after, before, when.

Examples past perfect signal words:

I had eaten my breakfast **before** I went to school.

Before we read the book, we had bought the book.

We did our homework **after** we had seen a film.

After he had sent an email, he got an answer.

When he left school, he had learned for years.

When she arrived in London, she had waited for hours.

Past perfect questions

had + subject + **past participle**

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Examples:

I had **eaten** oranges. Had I **eaten** oranges?
We had **done** our homework. Had we **done** our homework?
He had **lived** in London 2011. Had he **lived** in London 2011?

Past perfect negative

had + not / n't past participle (3rd form)

Examples:

I had **eaten** oranges. I had not **eaten** oranges. (long form)
He had **lived** in Birmingham. He hadn't **lived** in Birmingham. (short form)

Past Perfect - to be

	positive	negative
		short form
I	had been	hadn't been
You	had been	hadn't been
He/She	had been	hadn't been
We	had been	hadn't been
You	had been	hadn't been
They	had been	hadn't been