



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.

THE FORM

had / hadn't + the past participle
I had done it.
She hadn't done it.
Had they done it?

USAGE

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

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:

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



Answer the questions using the past perfect:

1. Why was she so excited?
2. Why did he feel tired?
3. Why was the fridge empty?
4. Why were you sick?
5. Why wasn't she at the party?
6. What did he learn when he called the office?



Rewrite the sentences using the past simple and past perfect:

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

