

Verbs – to be

Present	am, is, are
Past	was, were
Future	will, shall
Perfect	have, has, had

Past perfect tense

- refers to a time earlier than before now.
- It is used to make it clear that one event happened before another in the past.

eg: Madhu **had gone** out when I **arrived** in the office.



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Past perfect tense

- sentences
- negative sentences
- questions

Subject	singular	Plural
First person	I	We
Second person	You	You
Third person	He, She, It, Name (ex: Sam)	They

a) Sentences – past perfect

Subject	to be (had)+verb (v3)	+ object
I, You, We, They, He, She, It, Sam	had played	football

Example:

- i) I had played football.
- ii) You had played football.
- iii) We had played football.
- iv) They had played football.
- v) He had played football.
- vi) She had played football.
- vii) It had played football.
- viii) Sam had played football.

b) Negative sentences – past perfect

Subject	to be (had) + not +verb (v3)	+ object
I, You, We, They, He, She, It, Sam	had not (hadn't) gone	to school

Example :

i) I had gone to school.	i) I had not gone to school.
ii) You had gone to school.	ii) You had not gone to school.
iii) We had gone to school.	iii) We had not gone to school.
iv) They had gone to school.	iv) They had not gone to school.
v) He had gone to school.	v) He had not gone to school.
vi) She had gone to school.	vi) She had not gone to school.
vii) It had gone to school.	vii) It had not gone to school.
viii) Sam had gone to school.	viii) Sam had not gone to school.

c) Questions – present perfect

To be (had) + subject	Verb (v3)	+ object
Had I, Had you, Had we, Had they	sung	song
Had he, Had she, Had it	sung	song

Example :

i) I had sung a song.	i) had I sung a song?
ii) You had sung a song.	ii) had you sung a song?
iii) We had sung a song.	iii) had we sung a song?
iv) They had sung a song.	iv) had they sung a song?
v) He had sung a song.	v) had he sung a song?
vi) She had sung a song.	vi) had she sung a song?
vii) It had sung a song.	vii) had it sung a song?
viii) Sam had sung a song.	viii) had Sam sung a song?

Fill in the sentence with past perfect tense

1. She _____ (live) in India before she went to America.

2. After we _____ (eat) the bread, Sunil came in.

3. Before Sam ran to Ram's house, he _____ (phone) him.

4. After, they _____ (pack) their backpacks, they rode away on their bikes.

5. Mithun helped his grandma because his father _____ (tell) him so.

Fill in the sentence with past perfect tense

6. The cat hid under the chair because the children _____ (be) so loud.

7. Before the students started to write, the teacher _____ (collect) their mobile phones.

8. After Kevin _____ (finish) his breakfast, he left the flat.

9. Lolita repaired her glasses because her brother _____ (break) them.

10. By the time the show began, all friends _____ (arrive)

Make the past perfect negative sentence

1. The driver ____ (not stop) at the traffic lights.

2. The butterfly flew away because Jim ____ (not close) the window.

3. Pavithra _____ (not paint) the ceiling.

4. Ana _____ (not invite) his friends for the wedding.

5. I _____ (not see) my daughter for three years.

Make the past perfect negative sentence

6. He told me that he _____ (not speak) to his brother.

7. Lisa _____ (not read) the book yet.

8. The cameraman _____ (not buy) the new camera.

9. I _____ (not look) under the bed.

10. We _____ (not practise) enough to attend the test.

Form the question in past perfect tense

1. _____ (you / go) there before we went together?
eg. Had you gone there before we went together?
2. _____ (she / see) the film already?
3. Why _____ (he/forget) about the meeting?
4. _____ (it/been) cold all week?
5. _____ (I/read) the book before the class?
6. When she arrived _____ (we/eat) already?

Form the question in past perfect tense

7. Where _____ (you/be) when I saw you?

8. _____ (they/travel) by bullet train before?

9. _____ (John/meet) Lucy before they worked together ?

10. _____ (you/do) your homework before I saw you.

11. Where _____ (she/work)?

12. _____ (I/pay) the bill before we left?

Discussion Questions:

1. Had you tried Thai food before going to Thailand?
2. Had you seen a Keanu Reeves movie before you watched The Matrix?
3. Had you used the internet before you started high school?
4. Had you tasted alcohol before you turned 18?
5. Had you heard about the past perfect tense before ?
6. Had you met a good-looking person before you met me?
7. What had you learned before you first went to school?
8. For how long had you studied before your most recent exam?
9. Among the people in this room, whom had you met before today?
10. Jacob purchased his first house. How much money had he saved before he bought the house?

1. Throughout the day, how many glasses of water had you drunk by the time you went to bed last night?
2. What do you wish you had done more of when you were young?

