

# 64 Before and after

English uses the past perfect with the past simple to talk about two or more events that happened at different times in the past.

 **New language** Past perfect and past simple

 **Vocabulary** Visual arts

 **New skill** Describing sequences of past events

## 64.1 KEY LANGUAGE PAST PERFECT AND PAST SIMPLE

The past simple describes the event that is closest to the time of speaking.

The past perfect describes an event further back in the past.

PAST PERFECT  
The train **had left** before we **arrived** at the station.



8:10PM



8:20PM

NOW



## 64.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES PAST PERFECT AND PAST SIMPLE

I **knocked** on Pablo's door, but he **had** already **gone** to work.



7:00AM



7:30AM

NOW

The traffic **was** bad because a car **had broken down** on the road.



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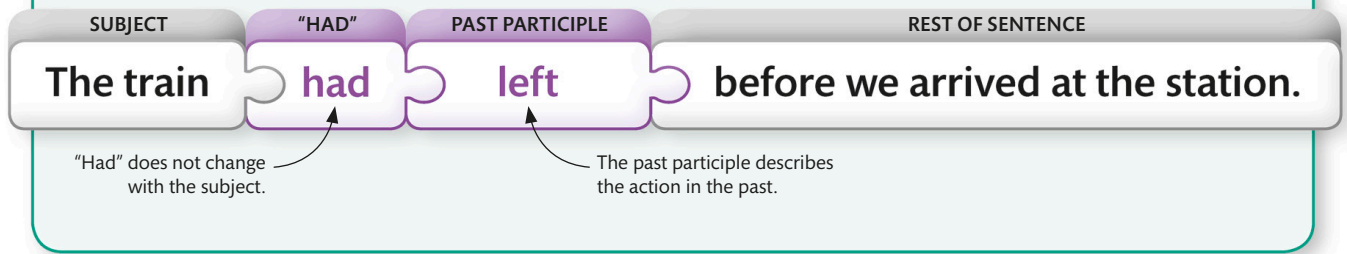
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### 64.3 HOW TO FORM THE PAST PERFECT

Use "had" followed by the past participle to form the past perfect.



### 64.4 MATCH THE BEGINNINGS OF THE SENTENCES TO THE CORRECT ENDINGS

- When we arrived at the stadium,
- 1 A tree had fallen on the road
  - 2 I offered Logan some pasta
  - 3 I hadn't seen Emma for years
  - 4 We felt absolutely exhausted
  - 5 She couldn't catch the train
- so I couldn't drive to work.
- but he had already eaten lunch.
- after we had run the marathon.
- the game had already started.
- because she had left her ticket at home.
- but I recognized her immediately.



### 64.5 FILL IN THE GAPS BY PUTTING THE VERBS IN THE PAST PERFECT OR PAST SIMPLE

- We had spent (spend) 14 days in Vietnam and we were (be) sorry to leave.
- 1 Although we \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) only a few times, I \_\_\_\_\_ (know) we would get along.
  - 2 She \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) late at work because she \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) the bus.
  - 3 The sun \_\_\_\_\_ (rise) and it \_\_\_\_\_ (be) time to start work in the fields.
  - 4 Joe \_\_\_\_\_ (be) delighted because his parents \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) the perfect birthday present.
  - 5 Henry \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) dinner when Sally \_\_\_\_\_ (get back) from work.





## 64.6 READ THE ARTICLE AND WRITE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS AS FULL SENTENCES



What did Eva like to do when she was a child?

Eva liked to draw and paint.

1 What had Per wanted his daughter to be?

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2 How did Eva approach her school work?

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3 What did Per do after Eva had failed her exams?

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4 Where did Eva discover her passion for ceramics?

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5 What hadn't Eva done before starting art school?

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6 When did Eva realize that she loved ceramics?

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7 What had happened by the late 1990s?

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## 64.7 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS



Tony and Erin are talking about last night's party.

Tony noticed Jackie right away.

True ☒ False ☐ Not given ☐

1 Jackie was too shy to talk to Tony.

True ☐ False ☐ Not given ☐

2 Tony and Jackie were chatting all night.

True ☐ False ☐ Not given ☐

3 Tony will see Jackie again.

True ☐ False ☐ Not given ☐

4 Erin thought Martin would be at the party.

True ☐ False ☐ Not given ☐

5 Martin and Jeff don't like each other.

True ☐ False ☐ Not given ☐

6 Martin left the party early.

True ☐ False ☐ Not given ☐



## 64.8 SAY THE SENTENCES OUT LOUD, FILLING IN THE GAPS BY PUTTING THE VERBS IN THE PAST PERFECT OR PAST SIMPLE

He had viewed (view) the house before he took (take) his wife to see it.

1 She \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a review of the book before she \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) it.

2 After he \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) watching the movie, he \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to bed.

3 I \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) Katy for a ride to work because I \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) my train.

4 He \_\_\_\_\_ (study) very hard before he \_\_\_\_\_ (take) his exams.

5 Andy only \_\_\_\_\_ (resign) once he \_\_\_\_\_ (find) a new job.

6 They \_\_\_\_\_ (discuss) all the options before they \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a decision.

## 64 CHECKLIST



Past perfect and past simple ☐

Aa Visual arts ☐



Describing sequences of past events ☐