

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

 **Aa 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

PAST SIMPLE



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.



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7:30AM

NOW



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



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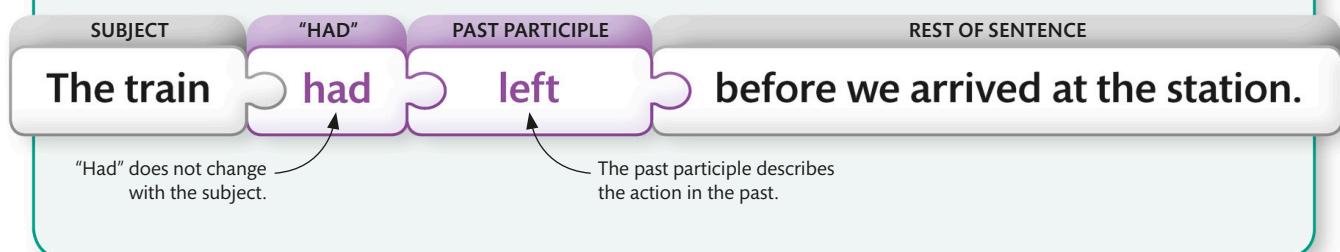
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64.3 HOW TO FORM THE PAST PERFECT

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 met (meet) only a few times, I knew (know) we would get along.
- 2 She arrived (arrive) late at work because she missed (miss) the bus.
- 3 The sun rose (rise) and it was (be) time to start work in the fields.
- 4 Joe was (be) delighted because his parents bought (buy) the perfect birthday present.
- 5 Henry cooked (cook) dinner when Sally got back (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?

2 How did Eva approach her school work?

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

4 Where did Eva discover her passion for ceramics?

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

6 When did Eva realize that she loved ceramics?

7 What had happened by the late 1990s?



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 (read) a review of the book before she bought (buy) it.

2 After he finished (finish) watching the movie, he went (go) to bed.

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

4 He studied (study) very hard before he took (take) his exams.

5 Andy only resigned (resign) once he found (find) a new job.

6 They discussed (discuss) all the options before they made (make) a decision.

64 ✓ CHECKLIST

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Visual arts

Describing sequences of past events