

The Past Perfect Tenses



The Past Perfect Tenses



▣ **Affirmative** auxiliary HAVE in past simple tense and PAST PARTICIPLE

I had worked- He had worked

▣ **Interrogative**

Inversion: Had I worked? Had it worked?

▣ **Negative**

I had not worked. She hadn't worked.

The Past Perfect Tense- USE



1. Events which happened earlier in the past and were completed in the past

I realised that we had met before.

When I arrived at the party, Lucy had already gone home.

2. Sequence of tenses/ reporting/ indirect speech

I told her that I had finished. I wondered who had left the door open.

The Past Perfect Tense- USE



3. Unrealised hopes and wishes, things that did not happen

I wish you had told me the truth.

I'd rather she had asked me before borrowing the car. He had intended to make a cake, but he ran out of time.

4. Time conjunctions (past perfect is NOT necessary)

After he (had) finished his exams he went to Paris for a month.

As soon as I (had) put the phone down it rang again.

The Past Perfect Progressive Tense- USE



- 1. Longer actions and situations which had continued up to the past moment that we are thinking about, or shortly before it**

At that time I we had been living in the caravan for about six months.

When I found Mary, I could see she had been crying.

- 2. Emphasis on the continuation of an activity**

My legs were stiff because I had been standing still for a long time.

PRACTICE



- Když šli čtyři dny, potkali starou ženu s oslíkem.
- Popřela, že jsme ji varovali.
- Byl jsem zklamaný, když zrušili ten koncert. Těšil jsem se na něj.
- Nevěděl jsem o tom léku, dokud mi ho kamarád nedoporučil.
- Než odešla z nemocnice, zhubla o pět kilo.