



Read the sentences, tick the appropriate box and write what tense is used.

1. They lived in London 2 years ago.

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Are they still living London?

Yes ☐

No ☐

2. When I went home, she was cooking dinner.

Which action interrupted the other action?

I went home.

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She was cooking dinner.

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3. While Susan was cooking, we were cleaning the house.

Actions happening at the same time.

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Actions happening one after the other.

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4. After I had graduated from the university, I found a job.

Which action happened first?

I had graduated from the university.

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I found a job.

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5. They stopped to ask for information because they had lost their way.

Which action happened first?

They stopped to ask for information.

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They had lost their way.

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6. When we arrived, the film had already started.

Which action happened first?

We arrived.

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The film already started.

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7. After Jason had studied for the exam, he chatted online with his friends.

Which action happened first?

Jason had studied for the exam.

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He chatted online with his friends.

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Grammar Past Perfect

FORM (had + past participle)

Affirmative

I had worked I had not worked.

Question

Had you worked?

Had he written?

Negative

He had written He hadn't written

Short answers

Yes, I had / No, he hadn't

USE: to talk about

- an action that happened before another action or before a certain time in the past (the second action is in the Simple Past)

After he had finished his homework, he realized how tired he was.

- an action that finished in the past and the result was visible then.

She was very happy because she had met an old friend of hers.

TIME EXPRESSIONS

by, by the time, before, after, for, since, already, just, never, till / until, etc.

B

Complete the following sentences using Simple Past or Past Perfect.

1. When I _____ (arrive) home, my mother _____ already _____ (go out).
2. Maria _____ (get) shocked after she _____ (see) the birthday cake.
3. Brian _____ (finish) his project homework before he _____ (go out) with his friends.
4. When Julia _____ (wake up), her husband _____ already _____ (leave) the house.
5. Mozart _____ (compose) more than 40 symphonies when he _____ (die).
6. David _____ (be) in pain because he _____ (break) his leg.
7. Julia _____ (pass) the exam because she _____ (study) a lot.
8. Before Megan _____ (hear) the bad news, she (be) very happy.



First match the sentence halves. Then combine them using the past simple and past perfect. Use WHEN, AFTER, BEFORE.

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> The students got the exam paper. | a. They left the hospital immediately. |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Kate and her husband got well. | b. They finished the university. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> The children ate their dinner. | c. They started answering. |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> The graduates started looking for a job. | d. The guests arrived. |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Jack and Kylie got married. | e. They went out to play with their friends. |
| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> She already prepared the table. | f. They had a boy. |

1. Before the students started answering, they had got the exam paper.

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5.

6.



Rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets so that they have the same meaning.



1. She left the house immediately after we had had a terrible argument. **(before)**

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2. When I entered the class, all my friends had gone outside. **(after)**

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3. I arrived home but she had already eaten her meal. **(when)**

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4. I drank some coffee then I started studying **(before)**

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5. Before the police caught him, the thief had stolen all the money. **(after)**

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E Read the text and answer the questions. Use Past Perfect tense.



Where were they? What happened?
What had they done?

Last night, Richard and Betty in a competition. They danced a salsa dance. They had practiced for 6 months before they danced in the competition. They were very good.

Richard and Betty's friends were in the audience. Before that night, they had never seen Richard and Betty dance. In fact, Richard and Betty had never danced in front of anyone before the competition.

After everyone had danced, the judges announced the winners. Richard and Betty won! They were the best dancers in the competition. Betty said she had never practiced so hard before! She was glad they had practiced a lot.

1. How long had Richard and Betty practiced before the competition?

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2. Before that night, who had seen Richard and Betty dance?

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3. What happened after everyone had danced?

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F Rewrite the following sentences as positive or negative sentences, yes/no questions and WH- questions (using the underlined word or phrase).

Examples for the sentence "Nick had finished before noon."

Negative: Nick had not finished before noon.

Yes/No Question: Had Nick finished before noon?

WH- Question: Who had finished before noon?

2. Before that night, they had never seen Richard and Betty.

Positive:

Yes/No Question:

WH- Question:

1. They had practiced for 6 months.

Negative:

Yes/No Question:

WH- Question:

3. They had practiced a lot.

Negative:

Yes/No Question:

WH- Question: