



3. PAST PERFECT SIMPLE tense (P.P.S.t)

USAGES:

- We use "Past Perfect Simple" when we need to make it clear that an event took place before another past event. This is **past in the past**.

Ex: A car left at 8.00 am. Paul arrived at 8.20am.
When Paul **arrived**, a car **had left**.

A car had left when Paul arrived .		
Past	Present	future
Car leaves in past at 8am.		
8.00 8.20 — —		
Pau arrives in past at 8.20am.		

Look at some more examples:

- I wasn't hungry. I **had just eaten**.
- They were hungry. They **had not eaten** for five hours.
- I didn't know who he was. I **had never seen** him before.
- "Mary wasn't at home when I arrived."
"Really? Where **had she gone**?"



- You can sometimes think of the past perfect tense like the present perfect tense, but instead of the time being **now** the time is **past**.

past perfect tense

had |
done |
> |

present perfect tense

have |
done |
> |

past

Now

future

past

now

future

- For example, imagine that you arrive at the station at 9.15am. The stationmaster says to you:

⇒ "You **are** too late. The train **has left**."

- Later, you tell your friends:

⇒ "We **were** too late. The train **had left**."



Grammatical Detail pRaCTiCe

GT|PS|PC|PPS|PPC|PSP|PCP|PPSP|PPCP||
PrS|PrC|PrPS|PrPC|PrSP|PrCP|PrPSP|PrPCP|||FT



- ☀ We often use the past perfect tense in reported speech after verbs like **said, told, asked, thought, wondered**:

⇒ Look at these examples:

- He told us that the train **had left**.
- I thought I **had met** her before, but I was wrong.
- He explained that he **had closed** the window because of the rain.
- I wondered if I **had been** there before.
- I asked them why they **had not finished**.



🌐 FORMS:

+ Positive form:

Subject + had + past participle + (Obj).

e.g: Children had lived in United State.

- Negative form:

Subject + had + not + past participle + (obj).

e.g: Animals had not lived in the city.
They hadn't come here since 2000.

? Question form:

Had + Subject + past participle + (obj)?

e.g: Had they done their homework?
Had Dave tried to study hard?

A Short Answer:

Yes, + Subject + had.
No, + Subject + had + not. (hadn't)

e.g: Yes, they had.
No, he had not. OR No, he hadn't.

🌐 Past simple vs. Past Perfect Simple

Usages:

- We use the past simple to talk about an event that took place at a particular time in the past.
- We use the past perfect simple when we need to make it clear that an event took place before another past event.

e.g:

1. We **saw** that two houses **had fallen** into the river.
2. When they **arrived**, a ferryboat **had left** away.
3. His mother **had been** out when Dual **got** home.





EXERCISES PRACTICE:

A. Please complete the sentence in past perfect form by using verbs are given in the parentheses.

- Helen Paul had given (give) some gifts to Dave when I went there.
- Ratha and Saran finished (finish) their homework when their parents arrived home.
- Filly did not do (not do) her housework.
- When he gave a book, they sat (sit) there.
- The chairs did not bend (not bend) when teacher arrived.
- When teacher spoke, everyone stopped (stop) chatting.

B. Please choose the best answer of each sentence below.

- My students were quiet when I was in the class.
☒ had been ☐ were ☐ had being
- When I saw her, she smiled to me.
☐ smiled ☐ had smiled ☐ has smiled
- His mother cooked him a wonderful dinner.
☐ had cooked ☐ had given ☐ had boiled
- My sister in law made my nephew's favourite dessert.
☐ had boiled ☐ had made ☐ had cooked
- He looked up at his mother. Her face became white.
☐ had became ☐ had going ☐ had gone
- Hug told her how Shep helped his life.
☐ had saved ☐ had helped ☐ hadn't saved

C. Please take the verbs are given below to make your own sentences in past perfect simple tense.

dance	sing	watch	fix	sleep	cry
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- My daughter had cried when my wife took a bath.
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D. **Directions:** Read the sentences. Choose the answer which shows the order the actions happened.



1. When I arrived at John's (1), we drank the wine (2) he had opened (3).

- a. 1,2,3
b. 2,1,3
c. 3,2,1
d. 3,1,2



2. John sat at his computer (1) and thought about his day (2). He had got up late (3), and his boss had threatened to fire him (4)

- a. 1,2,3,4
b. 3,4,1,2
c. 3,2,1,4
d. 4,3,2,1



3. When we got to the theatre (1), the concert had started (2) and all the seats had been taken (3).

- a. 1,2,3
b. 2,1,3
c. 3,2,1
d. 3,1,2



4. When I had eaten (1), I got a stomachache (2) and took some medicine (3).

- a. 1,2,3
b. 2,3,1
c. 3,2,1
d. 3,1,2



5. I went to bed (1) after I'd taken a bath (2) and brushed my teeth (3).

- a. 1,2,3
b. 2,3,1
c. 3,2,1
d. 3,1,2



6. Mike had dinner (1), then went to sit in the living room (2). He was feeling miserable (3). It had been an awful day (4).

- a. 1,2,3,4
b. 3,2,1,4
c. 4,3,1,2
d. 3,4,1,2



7. When I arrived at John's house (1), he had made a cake (2) and done the dishes (3).

- a. 1,2,3
b. 3,2,1
c. 3,1,2
d. 2,3,1





E. Please circle the best answer of each question in past perfect tense.

1. Why did you visit your friend's hometown?
 - a. Yes, I did.
 - ☒ b. Because I had wanted to visit there.
 - c. Because I hadn't liked there.
 - d. Because my friend had compelled me.
2. What did you do before Pchum Ben day?
 - a. I had saved more money for my parents.
 - b. I hadn't saving any money.
 - c. I had spend a lot of money.
 - d. I hadn't trying to study hard.
3. Which pagodas had Peter been?
 - a. Peter had go to Svay Chrum pagoda.
 - b. He had visit Panda pagoda.
 - c. He had been to Preah Phut pagoda.
 - d. Peter had gone to my home.
4. Where had your father done before he had lunch yesterday?
 - a. They had cooked lunch for us.
 - b. He had written a letter to his parents.
 - c. She had spoken with my mum.
 - d. I had slept on the bed.
5. Who had taken this book when you left here?
 - a. Mr. Johnson had taken it when I left here.
 - b. Ms. Markey has taken them when I left.
 - c. Mrs. Jelly had took it when I left here.
 - d. Ms. Harley had taking it when I left here.
6. Where had they bought that suit?
 - a. We had bought it at Sorya super market.
 - b. She had bought it at Central market.
 - c. They had bought it at Old Market.
 - d. You had bought it at KFC.

F. Please underline the mistake and then correct the mistake in each sentence of past perfect simple.

1. My friend had write the letters. My friend had written the letters.
2. Dave has spoken with David.
3. Lord not had given gifts.
4. Spiders have walked on the wall.
5. The cat jumped had on the table.
6. The cow had eaten not grass here.

G. Please take the verbs below to fill in the space by using past perfect form.++

win	lose	destroy	be	park	have
mean	kick	leave	make	know	stop

1. He and his parents _____ had been _____ to Siem Reap when I left there.
2. I and my wife _____ from our hometown.
3. Our hometown _____ because of flood.
4. The flood _____ that a lot of water covered on the earth.
5. The earth _____ many plants on it.
6. It _____ the game with the special prize.
7. The special prize _____ Dona to be happy.
8. Dona _____ the ball very quickly to Dally.
9. Dally _____ the ball very well.
10. Oh! Mr. Well _____ his car in the garden.
11. Wow! His car _____ when Jacob arrived.
12. However, Jacob _____ not _____ a man who stole it.

H. Please cross out the over words in each sentence below.

1. Philip and I ~~had~~ had forgotten to do our homework.
2. Ted and Tone had cried cried in the bathroom.
3. Sophia had studied had Chinese language with Sally.
4. Kumara hadn't not cooked dinner for her children.
5. When I called Srey Yoeurn, she had driven not motor.
6. Had Davun had smiled when she told me about her holiday?
7. When Soly ran, she had saw seen me.
8. Kimloat had asked asked me when I carved letters for her.
9. Had I carved carved letters for Lyda when Sophea said hello to me?
10. Had Nay Heang had asked me when she checked computer?
11. I'd met Mengkheang had when I asked him to draw pictures for me.
12. I had had thought a lot when I prepared G.D.p Book.
13. Had you had saved your money when you visited hometown?