





Choose the correct answer.

1. I have **a great deal** / **several** books on the shelf.
2. They don't like putting **a large number** / **a large amount** of salt on their steak.
3. **Most** / **a bit** employees have good evaluation results.
4. They went home early because they only have **a bit** / **a majority** of time left.
5. Do you spend **a great deal** / **dozens** of cash on expensive bags?
6. Her dad gave her a **bunch** / **group** of flowers on her birthdays.

Introduce today's sentences.

Grammar Focus

Past Perfect Tense

Key Expressions

- I had been busy last week until I completed the negotiations with my clients.
- I had not eaten a decent meal since then.



Listen to the teacher and repeat.



negotiation



deal



bonus



rush



disturb

Listen to the audio and repeat.



Aya: Hey, Bo. I haven't heard from you since last week. Is everything okay?

Bo: Everything is fine. No worries. **I had been busy last week until I completed the negotiations with my clients.**

Aya: And? How did it go?

Bo: Well, the clients were certainly tough, but I managed to close a good deal with them in the end.

Aya: Glad to hear that. Your boss might give you some bonus days off for that.

Bo: I hope so. **I had not eaten a decent meal since then.** I had to rush to places every day to meet clients. I had to either buy a sandwich, or cook my own meal, and you know I'm a bad cook.

Aya: That's terrible. I didn't realize you were that busy. I'm not disturbing you now, am I?

Bo: Of course not. I'm even glad you called. At least I have someone to talk to about the crazy week I had.



Learn the grammar structures.



Past Perfect Tense

an action that started at some point in the past and ended at another point in the past.

had + verb (past participle)

The past perfect talks about or suggests a sequence of events.

Simple Past Tense: I **was** busy last week.

Past Perfect Tense: I **had been** busy last week
(**until** I finished negotiations with my clients.)

Simple Past Tense: Someone **took** my pen.

Past Perfect Tense: Someone **had taken** my pen
(**when** I went to the toilet room.)

Past Perfect Tense uses:

Prepositions

- for
- after
- until

Conjunctions

- and
- when

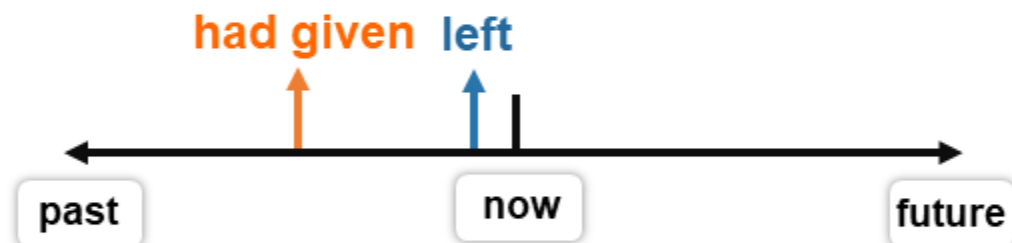
Note:

But the use of prepositions and conjunctions is not always necessary.

Learn the uses of the **Past Perfect Tense**.

Usage 1

- for a completed action before another action



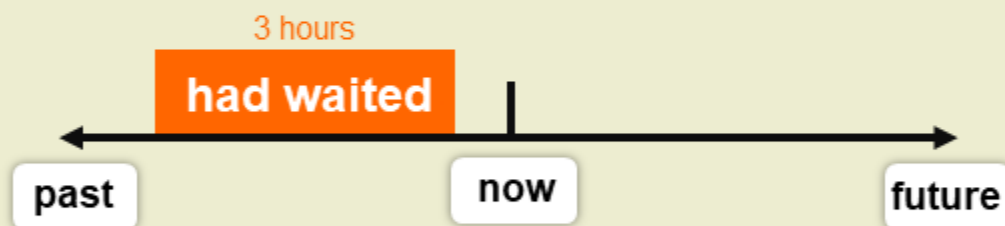
I **had given** him the keys before I left the house.

My sister **had taken** her medicine after she ate.

Stanley **had finished** his homework when his favorite show started.

Usage 2

- To show the duration of a completed action



He **had waited** for 3 hours in the café.

She **hadn't seen** him for 5 days until he came home.

I **had not eaten** a normal meal since then.


Choose the correct verb and write its past perfect form in the blank.

play steal not speak think drink

1. We _____ of getting a dog when we passed by a pet shop.
2. This man _____ cellphones from tourists and sold them for half the real price.
3. He _____ alcohol every night before he met his current girlfriend.
4. I _____ baseball until I finished high school.
5. I _____ to my old co-workers after I left work in another city.

Match the following phrases to form correct past perfect sentences.

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| 1. When we arrived, | ■ | ■ | after they had visited the library? |
| 2. The man had caught the robber | ■ | ■ | they had already eaten the meal. |
| 3. They bought a new house | ■ | ■ | my mother hadn't called me in weeks. |
| 4. I was very upset because | ■ | ■ | after they had saved up enough money. |
| 5. When I came home | ■ | ■ | by the time the police arrived. |
| 6. Did the students go home | ■ | ■ | Maria had already left. |
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Complete the Past Perfect sentences using the given words and the past participle form.

1. (the children, clean) _____ the house after their mother left to work.
2. (talk, we) _____ about our plans as soon as the holidays started.
3. (the company, send) _____ 3 employees to work at the new branch.
4. (clear, my brother) _____ the table after everyone ate.
5. (John, James, live) _____ on the streets before they won the lottery.
6. (wait, I) _____ at the station until my friend arrived from his trip.



Situation:

You had a great time last week. Tell your friend about what had happened or the things you had done. (Use the grammar you learned today.)



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Word Focus

negotiation

business trip

deal

rush

disturb

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Grammar Focus

- Past Perfect Tense