

Have you ever lost
anything valuable?
What did you do?



Buried treasure

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Treasure = something that is very valuable

Rubbish dump = a place where the rubbish or waste is left

Hard drive = part of a computer that reads and stores data

at 10.30



PAUL

at 11.00



SARAH

Sarah went to a party last week. Paul went to the party too, but they didn't see each other. Paul left the party at 10.30 and Sarah arrived at 11 o'clock. So: When Sarah arrived at the party, Paul wasn't there. He **had gone** home.

Had gone is the *past perfect (simple)*:

I/we/they/you he/she/it	had	(= I'd etc.) (= he'd etc.)	gone seen finished etc.
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Subj + had + P.P

Affirmative

I'd / you'd / he'd / she'd / it'd gone

Full form

'd = had

Negative

I / you / he / she / it / we / you / they hadn't gone

Full form

hadn't = had not

Questions

Had I / you / he / she / it / we / you / they gone?

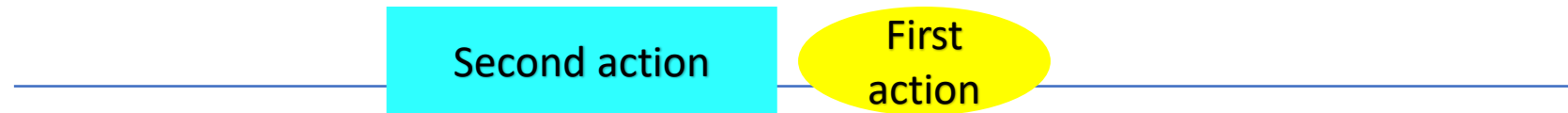
Short answers

Yes, I had. / No, she hadn't.

Past Perfect

First action: some thing happened in the past → past simple

Second Action: some thing happened in the past before first action → past Perfect



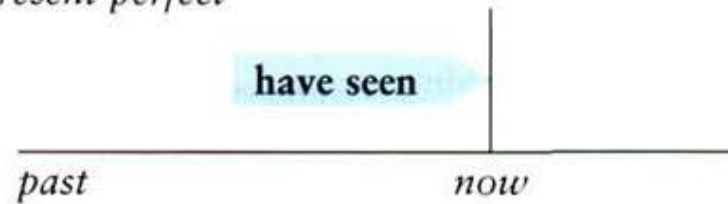
- When we got home last night, we found that somebody **had broken** into the flat.
- Karen didn't want to go to the cinema with us because she'd already **seen** the film.
- At first I thought I'd **done** the right thing, but I soon realised that I'd **made** a big mistake.

I offered Sue something to eat, but she wasn't hungry.

(she / just / have / breakfast) **She had just had breakfast**

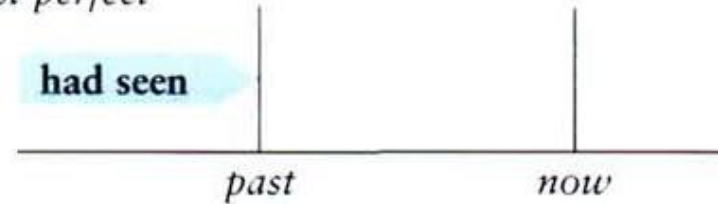
Past Perfect vs. Present Perfect

Present perfect



- ☐ Who is that woman? I've never seen her before.
- ☐ We aren't hungry. We've just **had** lunch.
- ☐ The house is dirty. They **haven't cleaned** it for weeks.

Past perfect



- ☐ I didn't know who she was. I'd never seen her before. (= before that time)
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Practice

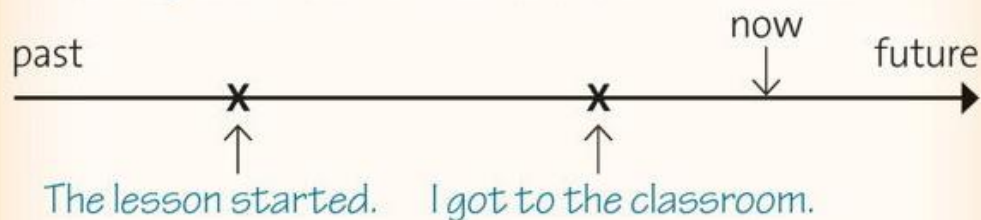
- 1 'Was Paul at the party when you arrived?' 'No, he **had gone** (go) home.'
- 2 I felt very tired when I got home, so I **went** (go) straight to bed.
- 3 The house was very quiet when I got home. Everybody **Had gone** (go) to bed.
- 4 Sorry I'm late. The car **broke** (break) down on my way here.
- 5 We were driving along the road when we **saw** (see) a car which
..... **Had broken** (break) down, so we **stopped** (stop) to help.

LEARN THIS! Past perfect

1 had 2 hadn't

- a** We form the past perfect with 1 _____ or 2 _____ and the past participle.
- b** We use the past perfect when we are already talking about past events and we want to talk about an even earlier event.

When I got to the classroom, the lesson had started.



- c** We often use the past perfect with *after* or *when*.
- When I got to the bus station, the bus had already left.*
- After I'd called Maggie, I watched a film on TV.*



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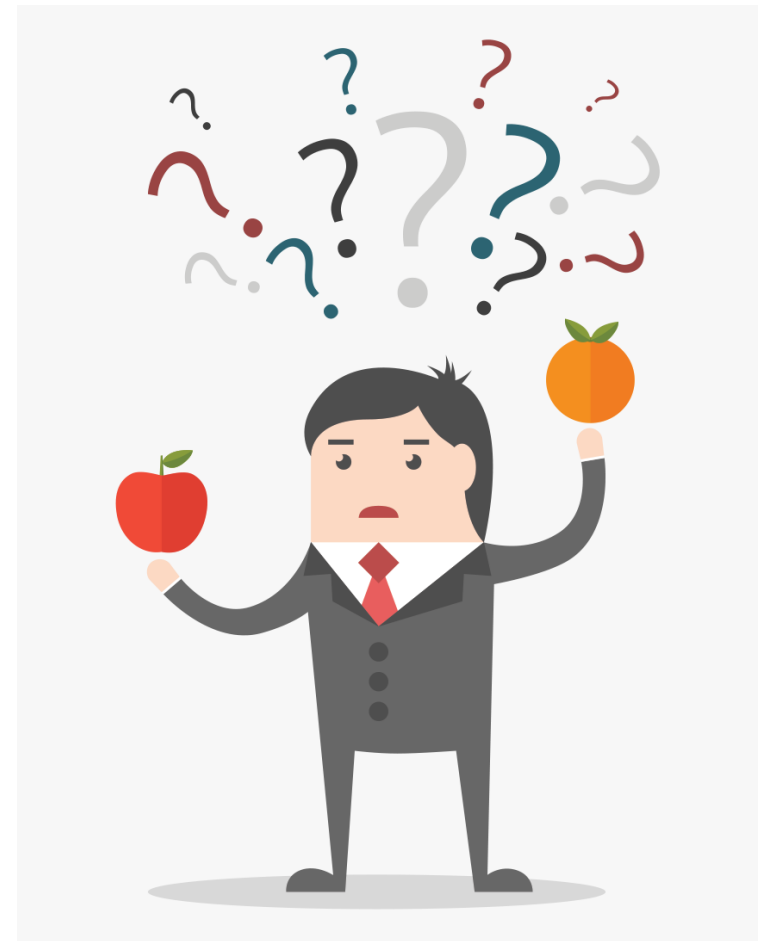
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3 Read rules b and c in the **Learn this!** box. Explain the difference in meaning between the sentences below.

- 1 When he threw away the computer, Howells forgot about the bitcoins.
- 2 When he threw away the computer, Howells had forgotten about the bitcoins.

- 1 Howell threw the computer away and then forgot about the bitcoins.
- 2 Howell had forgotten about the bitcoins before he threw the computer away.





4 Complete the sentences. Use the past perfect form of the verbs in brackets. Remember that *go* can have two past participles. (See **Look out!** box on page 64.)

- 1 After I _____ (leave) the newsagent's, I realised I _____ (forget) to buy a paper.
- 2 I didn't know that deli was so expensive. I _____ never _____ (buy) anything there before.
- 3 When I got to the shopping centre, most of the shops _____ already _____. (close)
- 4 We didn't have any bread because I _____ (not go) to the baker's.
- 5 My sister wasn't there when I got home because she _____ (go) to the cinema.

1 left; had forgotten 2 had ... bought
3 had ... closed 4 hadn't been 5 had gone



5 USE OF ENGLISH Rewrite each pair of sentences as one sentence, using *after*.

1 I bought a lottery ticket. Then I went home.

After I'd bought a lottery ticket, I went home.

2 I went to the cosmetics store. Then I went to the hairdresser's.

3 I paid for the flowers. Then I left the shop.

4 Jim did some shopping. Then he caught the bus home.

5 My dad left university. Then he became a teacher.

6 The chemist's closed down. Then a charity shop opened in the same building.

2 After I'd been to the cosmetics store, I went to the hairdresser's.

3 After I'd paid for the flowers, I left the shop.

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6 Complete the text with the phrases below. Use the past perfect.

buy his ticket not check the numbers lose
lose his ticket win the lottery take the lottery company

When Martyn Tott learned that he ¹ _____, he was, of course, delighted. He ² _____ months earlier at his local newsagent's. He ³ _____ at the time, but he knew he was the winner because he always chose the same six numbers. But there was a problem. He ⁴ _____! Martyn Tott's computer records proved that he was the winner, but the lottery company refused to pay him without a ticket. Two years later, he was almost penniless. He ⁵ _____ to court, but ⁶ _____ the battle. He said he wished he had never played the lottery!



1 had won the lottery 2 had bought his ticket
3 hadn't checked the numbers 4 had lost his ticket
5 had taken the lottery company 6 had lost

7D Past perfect

6 Complete the sentences with the past perfect form of the verbs in brackets. ➡ 7.4, 7.5

1 I didn't have any chocolate because my sister _____ (eat) it.

2 I couldn't buy the magazine because I _____ (forget) to bring my wallet with me.

3 I didn't recognise my cousin. He _____ (grow) a beard.

4 We couldn't get home because we _____ (miss) the last bus.

5 After I _____ (write) the answer, I realised I _____ (make) a mistake.

6 I didn't watch the programme because I _____ (see) it before.

1 had eaten 2 had forgotten 3 had grown
4 had missed 5 had written; had made 6 had seen

7D Past perfect

7 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple or past perfect form of the verbs in brackets. ➡ 7.4, 7.5

1 I _____ (can't) remember where I _____ (leave) my keys.

2 Last Saturday, I _____ (eat) at a Japanese restaurant. I _____ (never) before that.

3 I _____ (find) a £10 note that I _____ (lose) last year.

4 Last weekend I _____ (meet) a girl who _____ (be born) in the same hospital as me.

5 I _____ (not play) volleyball because I _____ (hurt) my hand.

6 The pavement _____ (be) wet because it _____ (rain).

1 couldn't; had left 2 ate; had never eaten
3 found; had lost 4 met; had been born
5 didn't play; had hurt 6 was; had rained

7D Past perfect

8 Rewrite each pair of sentences as one sentence using the past simple and the past perfect. Start with the word given.

➡ 7.4, 7.5

1 I had dinner. I watched TV.

After *I'd had dinner, I watched TV.*

2 We bought a newspaper. We had a coffee.

After _____

3 We played tennis. We went home.

After _____

4 I went to sleep. My cousin phoned.

When _____

5 Messi scored two goals. We arrived at the match.

When _____

6 The children did the housework. Their mother got home.

When _____

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3 After we'd played tennis, we went home.

4 When my cousin phoned, I'd gone to sleep.

5 When we arrived at the match, Messi had scored two goals.

6 When their mother got home, the children had done the housework.

7 Read the sentences below. Then think of explanations for the situation or event using the past perfect. What had happened?

- 1 A man was holding a lottery ticket and smiling.
- 2 The car drove onto the pavement and hit a lamp post.
- 3 A cleaner found a wallet under the seats in the cinema.
- 4 A security guard stopped a woman outside the department store.
- 5 The boy opened the envelope, read the letter and started to dance around.



Why was the man smiling?

He had won some money.