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The past perfect is used to describe an action that was completed before another action in the past. It is often used with the past simple.

Past perfect structure: *Subject + had + past participle*

Sequence words are often used to help make the chronological order of these actions clearer.

Words and phrases like *after*, *by then* and *as soon as* are used before the past perfect. Phrases such as *by the time* are used before the past simple. Words like *before* and *when* can be used with both tenses.

Example: Silvia had cleaned her house **before** her guests arrived.

**A. Complete the sentences with the past perfect or past simple form of the verbs in brackets.**

1. After I **had cut** (cut), it **started** (start) to rain.
2. My boss **asked** me to e-mail a customer, but by then I **had already turned** off my computer.
3. By the time my husband **got** home, I **had eaten** dinner.
4. I **had bought** her a watch before I **found** out she wanted a bracelet.
5. Ann **had** already **typed** ten pages when her computer **crashed**.
6. As soon as the bar **had closed**, we **went** back to the hotel.
7. I **arrived** at class on time, but by then the professor **had already** started the lecture.
8. They **restarted** the game as soon as the rain **had stopped**.

**B. Rewrite the sentence parts in the correct order.**

1. my parents had already left / I got home / by the time

By the time I got home, my parents had already left.

2. before / I had cleared the snow off it / I started my car

Before I started my car, I had cleared the snow off it.

3. after / I went to the book club / I had finished the book

After I had finished the book, I went to the book club.

4. I bought the new iPhone / they had already released a new version / but by then

I bought the new iPhone, but by then they had already released a new version.

**C. Match the past perfect and past simple sentence halves together.**

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| 1. As soon as I had finished my sushi, .....       | a. he fed the dog                             |
| 2. Before I made a dentist appointment, .....      | b. as soon as I had landed on the island.     |
| 3. After I had bought a new bed, .....             | c. she made a short thank-you speech.         |
| 4. After the man had come home, .....              | d. before I saw it with my family.            |
| 5. I had watched the film alone .....              | e. before I got my license.                   |
| 6. When she had read all the greetings cards,..... | f. I had found 3 cavities.                    |
| 7. I had already bought a car .....                | g. I realized I didn't have the space for it. |
| 8. I went straight to the beach .....              | h. I felt sick.                               |

**Answers**

1-&gt;H

2-&gt;F

3-&gt;G

4-&gt;A

5-&gt;D

6-&gt;C

7-&gt;E

8-&gt;B

**D. Answer the questions. Use sequence words in your responses.**

1. How did you feel after your last vacation had ended?

I felt very tired since I wanted to continue

2. What interesting things had you already done by the time you reached 14 years old?

In that time I had visited venezuela

3. Which languages had you learnt before you started English lessons?

I had not study other language that english and Spanish

4. How many phones have you had before you bought your present one?

I have had 6 phones