## **Past and Perfect Tenses**

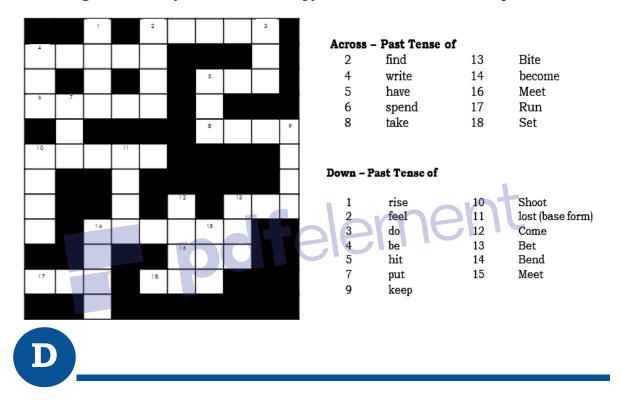
Lesson





This lesson focuses on the grammatical features of past and perfect tenses. This lesson highlights clear distinction between the two and how they interact in forming clear and coherent sentences. You are expected to indicate past actions using past and past perfect tense of the verb; use the past and past perfect tenses correctly in varied contexts; and show understanding of the past and past perfect tenses.

Learning Task 1: In your notebook, copy and solve the crossword puzzle below



**Learning Task 2:** In your notebook, copy and answer the statements below by boxing the past perfect tense circling the simple past tense) and <u>underlining</u> the time expression used in each sentences.

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- 1. The storm had landed on land before classes were suspended.
- 2. He was very happy after he had found his watch.
- 3. He had broken his eyeglasses before he told his mother.
- 4. By the time the flood came, the farmers had harvested the rice.
- 5. He succeeded after he had worked so hard.
- 6. Before it rained hard, the farmers had planted the rice.
- 7. He had gone to college before he was awarded a scholarship.
- 8. After he had thought hard, he answered the teacher's question.
- 9. When the girls had made the sandwiches, the boys brought the juice.
- 10. After we had talked for a long time, she left her phone.

## SIMPLE PAST AND PAST PERFECT TENSES

**Simple past tense of the verb** is used to express an action that happened and ended in the past. For regular verbs, past tense verbs end with –d or –ed while irregular verbs form their past usually by either changing or retaining their spelling. Commonly, simple past is signaled by time indicators in the past, e.g. last week, yesterday, a year ago, etc.

Examples: Victoria and Hilario **visited** their grandparents *yesterday*.

Adoracion and Mauro **bought** grocery items.

**Past perfect tense** narrates past actions and events. A sentence that uses past perfect tense provides two actions in the past wherein the first past action or condition is completed ahead of another past action. It is usually formed using the following structures:

Ordinary Form : **had** + past participle of the verb

Continuous Form : **had been** + verb –ing

Examples: Mercy had eaten her breakfast before Juanito asked her to do so.

past perfect tense simple past tense

In the given example, both actions happened in the past. However, one action took place first before another one happened. In this context, the past perfect tense portrays an earlier action before another action happened as portrayed by the simple past tense.

There are time expressions used in indicating past perfect tense. **After, as soon as, the moment that** and **until** are used before the <u>past perfect tense</u> while **before, when** and **by the time** are used before the <u>simple past</u>.

Examples: When Flor called him, Nestor had been planting the seeds.

simple past past perfect continuous

Delia **had prayed** the rosary <u>by the time</u> Ben **arrived**. Rey **had finished** the movie <u>before</u> Susan **told** him to sleep.

 $\underline{\text{After}}$  Estela had finished the dress, Francis sold the item.

The moment that Macky had left his house, Mia prayed for his safety.

As soon as Gina and Dodong **had received** their license, they **started** driving their own car.

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**Learning Task 3:** Choose the correct past perfect tense of the verb in each sentence. Write your answers in your notebook.

- 1. The witness (had testify, had testifying, had testified) before the court adjourned.
- 2. I went to school after I (had recovered, have recovered, has recovered) from my sickness.
- 3. He (has read, had reading) the novel before he saw the movie.
- 4. By the time I arrived home, he (had went, had go, had gone) to bed.
- 5. I asked him to pay my watch since he (had lost, had lose, had lossing) it.

**Learning Task 4:** Give the past perfect tense form of the verbs in the parentheses. Write answers in your notebook.

(read)	1.After	I Helen Keller's Story of My Life I prepared a report on it.	
(write)	2.Jose	Rizal Noli Me Tangere before he worked on El Filibuterimo.	
(leave)	3.Befo	re you arrived, the participants the library.	
(go)	4.By the time the principal announced the meeting, some of the teachers home.		
(give)	5.Whe	n I asked for the receipt, she it to the wrong person.	
Learn	ing Ta	<b>sk 5:</b> In your notebook, copy and complete the dialogues below.	
1.	A: B:	What household chores had you done when Mother arrived?	
2.	A:	What tasks had the students accomplished before the teacher came?	
	B:		
3.	A:	What had happened when his father returned home from Saudi Arabia?	
	B:		
4.	A:	What had Dulce accomplished before she was chosen as best student in English?	
	B:		
5.	A:	What numbers in the program had been presented when the guest arrived late?	
	B:		



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- 11. After we had talked for a long time, she left her phone.
- 12. I said nothing until she had finished talking.
- 13. Before I knew it, the baby had run to the gate.
- 14. I mopped the floor after the carpenter had gone.
- 15. By the time Jules got to the birthday celebration, everyone had gone home.

**Learning Task 7:** In your notebook, copy and complete the dialogues below. Using the pattern, indicate the appropriate use of simple past and past perfect tenses.

Tessa:	I had finished my assignment when my mom arrived.
Meno:	My mom had arrived before dad cooked for our dinner.
Tessa:	Dad had cooked for our dinner before we watched TV.
Meno:	We had watched TV
Tessa:	
Meno:	