



Past Perfect Simple

had + (not) + past participle

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the story below. Clarify the time order of events by changing six more of the underlined verb phrases into the past perfect tense.

had grown up

1992	started high school in L.A.
1996	started college in S.F.
1999	applied for grad schools
2000	started grad school in L.A.
2002	first date in L.A.
2004	wedding in L.A.

Although both of them grew up in Los Angeles County, Julie and Johnny first met each other in San Francisco. They were college freshmen in 1996. They lived in the same dorm building, and their dorm buddies enjoyed attending football games together. They were just friends. Julie was happily single. Johnny had a high school sweetheart to whom he promised his undying devotion.

After graduating, Julie and Johnny returned to Los Angeles. They already accepted scholarships at grad schools near their hometowns. Julie immediately started a teacher training program. Johnny began his studies in physical therapy. He was lonely. His high school romance recently ended.

Julie and Johnny rekindled their friendship as they hung out with old college friends, laughed about the good old days, and attended baseball games together. Soon, Johnny discovered that he fell in love with Julie. He was surprised, excited, and very shy. By the time Johnny asked Julie out on a date, they knew each other for nearly six years.

Then, it became Julie's turn to be scared. She said, "We have been friends for a long time. I can't imagine holding your hand, let alone kissing you."

Johnny smiled and took her hand. He imagined this moment many times. Maybe their first kiss was a bit awkward, but a few years later, their wedding kiss was picture perfect.

