**Lesson 3: Past Perfect Simple**

*The* ***past perfect simple*** *is made using the auxiliary verb* ***had*** *plus the* ***past participle******(V3)*** *of the main verb.*

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| 1. **Positive** | 1. **Question** |
| I  We  You  They  Plural noun + had + *past participle (V3) + …*  He  She  It  Singular noun | I  We  You  They  Had Plural noun + *past participle (V3) …?*  He  She  It  Singular noun |
| 1. **Negative Usage** | |
| I  *♣ We use* ***past perfect simple*** *for the action that happened before another action or time in the past.*   * We had left school before 9.30pm last night. * She had met Dara before he left Phnom Penh.   We  You  They  Plural noun + had not (hadn’t) + *past participle (V3) +…*  He  She  It  Singular noun | |

**Exercise Practice**

**Instruction 01:** *Complete the gaps with the correct form of* ***past perfect simple*** *with the verbs in the parentheses.*

1. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_had lived\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (live) in China before she came to Cambodia.
2. After they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_had eaten\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (eat) the shellfish, they began to feel sick.
3. The students had turned off\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (the students/turn off) the lights before they left the class?
4. Julie didn't arrive until after I \_\_\_\_\_\_had left\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (leave).
5. After we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_had finished\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (finish) dinner, we went out.
6. The garden was dead because it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_had been\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) dry all summer.
7. Srey mao had visited\_\_\_\_\_ (Sreymao/visit) Angkor Wat before 2017?
8. We \_\_\_\_\_\_had met\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (meet) her somewhere before yesterday.
9. We were late for the plane because we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_had forgotten\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (forget) our passports.
10. She told me she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_had studied\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (study) a lot before the exam.
11. What \_\_\_\_\_\_had he done\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (he/do) before he went to bed last night?
12. The grass was yellow because it \_\_\_\_\_\_had not rained\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/rain) all summer.
13. The lights went off because we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_had not paid\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/pay) the electricity bill.
14. How many letters \_\_\_\_had you written\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/write) to Sreymao before she replied?
15. The children \_\_\_\_had not done\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/do) their homework, so they were in trouble.
16. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_had not eatten\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/eat), so we went to a restaurant.
17. How much \_\_\_\_\_\_had you known\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/know) Borey before you decided to share your room with him?
18. We couldn't go into the concert because we \_\_\_\_\_had not brought\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/bring) our tickets.
19. She said that she \_\_\_\_\_had not visited\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/visit) the UK before.
20. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Her mother had told\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (her mother/tell) her a bedtime story before she slept last night?

**Instruction 02:** *Identify the use of the* ***past perfect simple*** *in each of the following sentences.*

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| No | Sentences | Happened before another past action | Happened before time in the past |
| 1 | The reporter hadn't told the cameraman to get ready when the president walked into the room. | □ | □ |
| 2 | I had printed the report before he gave me the updates. | □ | □ |
| 3 | She hadn't completed the article when the news changed everything. | □ | □ |
| 4 | The students had written the report, but the teacher made them do it again. | □ | □ |
| 5 | They had already eaten by the time he arrived. | □ | □ |
| 6 | We have already finished our homework before last week. | □ | □ |
| 7 | Before 10pm last Tuesday night, Sambath had already had a bath. | □ | □ |
| 8 | We had seen Borith at the party before we went home | □ | □ |
| 9 | After we had reviewed our lessons, we watched a football game. | □ | □ |
| 10 | What had you cooked for dinner last night? | □ | □ |
| 11 | How hard had you studied before the final exams? | □ | □ |
| 12 | When I arrived home, Sok and Sao had already slept. | □ | □ |
| 13 | Before they got married, they had visited Kampot. | □ | □ |
| 14 | We were late for the plane because we had got up late. | □ | □ |