

# Past Perfect

1. He had just gone to the cinema. (to go)
2. Lily hadn't practiced the piano enough. (not to practice)
3. The film had already begun. (to begin)
4. Had Ben already been there? (to be)
5. Jake hadn't met the girl before. (not to meet)
6. She had tried everything before. (to try)
7. Jake hadn't sold all his old computer games. (not to sell)
8. Had Sue bought a lot of football posters? (to buy)
9. I hadn't seen my parents for a long time. (not to see)
1. 10. The boys had just finished (to finish) football training.
10. How long had they been (to be) there for? For about two hours.
11. After they had (to have) a shower, they put (to put) on clean clothes.
12. Before they went (to go) home, they talked (to talk) to each other.
13. Some said (to say) they felt very tired. (to feel).
14. Others said (to say) the training had been easy.

## Past Perfect examples:

I **had done** the homework.

You **had done** the homework.

He/She **had done** the homework.

We **had done** the homework.

You **had done** the homework.

They **had done** the homework.

## Use of the past perfect

Past Perfect expresses: Something happened before another action in the past or something happened before a specific time in the past.

He had worked hard before he became ill.

They had talked to the teacher before they left the school.

## Past perfect signal words

Signal words: after, before, when.

## Examples past perfect signal words:

I had eaten my breakfast **before** I went to school.

**Before** we read the book, we had bought the book.

We did our homework **after** we had seen a film.