

ACTIVIDAD 7

PAST PERFECT***THEORY (TEORÍA)**

We don't use the past perfect a lot in English, but it is useful, and it sounds very good if you can use it correctly. Also, it's really easy to make - just the past simple of 'have' and the past participle.

([Learn about USING the past perfect here](#))

The **positive** - make it with 'had' + the past participle (usually made by adding 'ed' to the infinitive, but a few verbs have [irregular past participles](#)):

(Also, here's some help if you are not sure [how to pronounce '-ed'](#) at the end of a verb).

- I had been (I'd been)
- You had gone (you'd gone)
- She had met (she'd met)
- He had played (he'd played)
- It had rained (it'd rained)
- We had bought (we'd bought)
- They had studied (they'd studied)

The short form for 'had' is '**d**'.

(Be careful not to confuse it with 'would'. **Would** is followed by the **infinitive** - 'I'd go', whereas **had** is followed by the **past participle** - 'I'd gone').

For the **negative** just add 'not':

- I had not been (I hadn't been)
- You had not gone (you hadn't gone)
- She had not met (she hadn't met)
- He had not played (he hadn't played)
- It had not rained (it hadn't rained)
- We had not bought (we hadn't bought)
- They had not studied (they hadn't studied)

Here's a [exercise about the positive and negative forms](#).

And to make a '**yes / no** question put 'had' before the subject:

- Had I come?
- Had you eaten?
- Had she gone?
- Had it rained?
- Had he studied?
- Had we met?
- Had they left?

For **'wh' questions** put the question word at the beginning:

- When had I come?
- Why had you eaten?
- Where had she gone?

*PRACTICE (PRÁCTICA)

SEMANA 12

Past Perfect - Positive and Negative

Make the positive or negative past perfect simple

- 1) When I arrived at the cinema, the film (start).
- 2) She (live) in China before she went to Thailand.
- 3) After they (eat) the shellfish, they began to feel sick.
- 4) If you (listen) to me, you would have got the job.
- 5) Julie didn't arrive until after I (leave).
- 6) When we (finish) dinner, we went out.
- 7) The garden was dead because it (be) dry all summer.
- 8) He (meet) her somewhere before.
- 9) We were late for the plane because we (forget) our passports.
- 10) She told me she (study) a lot before the exam.
- 11) The grass was yellow because it (not/rain) all summer.

12) The lights went off because we (not/pay) the electricity bill.

13) The children (not/do) their homework, so they were in trouble.

14) They (not/eat) so we went to a restaurant.

15) We couldn't go into the concert because we (not/bring) our tickets.

16) She said that she (not/visit) the UK before.

17) Julie and Anne (not/meet) before the party.

18) I (not/have) breakfast when he arrived.

19) He (not/use) email before, so I showed him how to use it.

20) You (not/study) for the test, so you were very nervous.