



Name		Grammar	Unit	Three
Grade	10	Past Perfect / Past Perfect Continuous		

Past perfect.

The past perfect tense is used to describe an action that has been completed before another past action.

1. Sentences

Affirmative had + verb past participle	Negative hadn't +verb past participle
We had cleaned up the terrace before the watchman arrived.	He hadn't finished his homework before he went to the cinema.

2. Yes / No questions short answers. Wh Q

Yes / No questions short answers	WH- questions
Had you met Simon before? Yes, I had. No, I hadn't	What had they studied? They had studied medicine at the University of Jordan

Time expressions: (before, after, as soon as by the time, because, until)

Important Notes :

1. The clause that follows “before” and “when” is always simple past, and the other part is past perfect.

It **had rained** a lot **before** she **came** to town.

Before she **came** to town, it **had rained** a lot.

2. The clause that follows “after”, “as soon as”, and “because” is always past perfect, and the other part is simple past.

After She **had been** late to class several times , she **got** detention.

She **got** detention **after** She **had been** late to class several times

3.By the time + V2 or a past a dverb.

By the time I arrived, my mother had finished preparing the dinner.

By 4 o'clock yesterday, Tom had finished all his emails.

Practice1.

Put the verbs between brackets in the correct form.

- I ----- articles on various topics before he came.(write)
- I was sick after I ----- a shower. (take)
- By the time I arrived, the teacher ----- the class. (start)
- As soon as the head mistress -----, the National Anthem was played.(arrive)
- By 10:00 am yesterday, I ----- my exam. (finish)
- When I arrived there, Sarah -----already -----.(leave)
- I was so hungry! I ----- anything since the morning.(not eaten)
- The doorbell rang at last. I ----- in the room since breakfast.(be)

Past Perfect Continuous.

The past perfect continuous is formed by using

S + had + been + present participle.

Statement: You **had been waiting** there for more than two hours when she finally arrived.

Negative: You **had not been waiting** there for more than two hours when she finally arrived.

Question: **Had** you **been waiting** there for more than two hours when she finally arrived?

We use the past perfect continuous

1. to show that something started in the past and continued up until another time in the past.
 - They **had been talking** for over an hour before Tony arrived.
 - How long **had** you **been waiting** to get on the bus?
2. To indicate that something took place **without interruption** for that period of time.

It had been raining **all day** and we were looking forward to a little bit of sun.

Time expression :

S+ had been V(ing) + Since/for /all day + complement , when / before + S+ V(2)

She had been working at that company for three years when it went out of business.

We had been training tennis all day before it started raining.

We had been driving since two o'clock before we got to our hotel.

Practice 2

Put the verbs between brackets in the correct verb form.

- I ----- to get tickets for that play for months before my friends finally got them.
(be , try)
- We ----- for an hour when we finally -----at the remote village. (walk)
(arrive)
- Before I ----- jobs, I ----- on a plan to reduce production costs.(chang) (work)

Practice 3.

Circle the right answer.

1. After they ----- to China, they went on a trip to Turkey.
A) have travelled B) had been travelling
C) had travelled D) travelled
2. I ----- already ----- the letter before I posted it*.
A) had - written B) will – be warren
C) has – written D) have – written
3. By the time I was 18, I ----- the compulsory stage of education*.
A) will have finished B) will be finished
C) have finished D) had finished
4. We ----- building our house by the end of last year*.
A) have completed B) completed
C) had completed D) was completed
5. Scientists ----- the PC before the development of the lap top.
A) has developed B) had developed
C) were developing D) developing

6. Mohammad ----- his email before he started work.

- A) has checked
- B) checks
- C) had checked
- D) have checked

7. I bought him a bicycle after he ----- good marks in his exams.

- A) got
- B) had got
- C) has got
- D) gets

8. Mera ----- for two hours when she woke up terrified.

- A) had been slept
- B) had been sleeping
- C) had be sleeping
- D) had slept

9. By the time we arrived, they ----- about the deal for an hour.

- A) been negotiating
- B) be negotiating
- C) been negotiated
- D) be negotiated

10. My mother was very tired; she ----- all afternoon for a special family dinner.*

- A) is cooking
- B) has been cooking
- C) cooks
- D) had been cooking

11. My uncle ----- working at the company for five years when he got a promotion.*

- A) is
- B) have been
- C) had been
- D) will be

12. Jim called Jane from his office. He came back home.*

The sentence which has a similar meaning to the one above is -----

- A) Before Jane came back home, Jim had called him from his office.
- B) Jim had called Jane from his office after he came back home.
- C) After Jane came back home, Jim had called him from his office.
- D) Before Jim had called Jane from his office, he came back home.

13. Sofie finished her work. She went to lunch.*

The sentence which has a similar meaning to the one above is -----

- A) Before Sofie had finished her work, she went to lunch.
- B) After Sofie had finished her work, she went to lunch.
- C) Sofie had gone to lunch after she finished her work

D) Before Sofie had gone to lunch ,she finished her work

14. I washed the dishes , then my mother entered the kitchen.

The sentence which has a similar meaning to the one above is -----

- A) Before I had washed the dishes, my mother entered the kitchen.
- B) After my mother entered the kitchen, I had washed the dishes.
- C) My mother entered the kitchen before I had washed the dishes.
- D) I had washed the dishes before my mother entered the kitchen.

Practice 4. Rewrite the following sentences as it is required.

1. Mohammad checked his emails, **and then** he started work.

Before Mohammad -----.

2. Salma arrived from the airport at 8 p.m., **and then** she checked into the hotel at 9 p.m.

After Salma-----.

3. Lana checked the spelling mistakes. She typed the report.

Before-----.

4. The boys arrived at the cinema, the film started.

After-----.

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