



# *The Past Perfect Tense*

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I had eaten my  
breakfast before I  
went to school

# How do we use the Past Perfect Tense?

- ▶ The **past perfect** tense expresses action in the **past** before another action in the **past**. This is the **past in the past**.

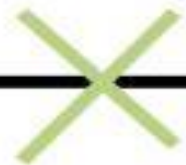
## EXAMPLE :

- ▶ The train left at 9am. We arrived at 9.15am. When we arrived, the train **had left**.

# The Past Perfect

had received  
had eaten

it hit  
my friend stopped by



The Titanic had received many warnings before it hit the iceberg.

I had already eaten when my friend stopped by to visit.

He came to my house.

Simple Past Tense

I had already left.

Past Perfect Tense

He came to my house

After I had already left, he came to my house.

He came to my house after I had already left.

*after*

I had already left.

*The key words of  
this tense are:*

*after*

*as soon as {had+PP} , Past simple*

What had Ali done before he went fishing ?

Ali had repaired  
his car before he  
went fishing.



# The structure of the past perfect tense is:

	<b>subject</b>	<b>auxiliary verb</b>		<b>main verb</b>	
+	I	had		finished	my.work
+	You	had		stopped	before .me
-	She	had	not	gone	to.school
-	We	had	not	.left	Is – has - had
?	<b>Had</b>	you		<b>?arrived</b>	
?	<b>Had</b>	they		<b>eaten</b>	?dinner





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Thank you!