

She had finished it before they came.

PAST PERFECT TENSE

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CONTINUOUS TENSE

**Tom had been sleeping for 2 hours
and I had to wake him up.**

THE PAST PERFECT TENSE

FORM

The Past Perfect Tense is formed by using

HAD + PAST PARTICIPLE
(past simple of *to have*) of the main verb

I had (I'd) worked
You had (you'd) worked
He/she/it had (he'd) worked

We had (we'd) worked
You had (you'd) worked
They had (they'd) worked

I had not (hadn't) worked
You had not worked
He/she/it had not worked

We had not (hadn't) worked
You had not worked
They had not worked

Had I (not) worked?
Had you (not) worked?
Had he/she/it (not) worked?

Had we (not) worked?
Had you (not) worked?
Had they (not) worked?

N.B.
Hadn't I/you worked?
Hadn't he/she worked? etc.

USES

Past

Present

Future

x

X

Past Perfect Tense

- ◆ It is the past equivalent of the Present Perfect

When I arrived Anne had just left.

- ◆ It is used when the narrator or subject looks back on earlier action from a certain point in the past (but, if we merely give the events in the order in which they occurred no Past Perfect Tense is necessary)

He met her in Paris in 1977. He had last seen her ten years before.

- ◆ It is used for an action which had happened before another past action (in time clauses with *when, after, before, as soon as, immediately, till/until*)

The results last term were better than anyone had expected.

- ◆ It is used in Indirect Speech and in Conditional Clauses

He said that he had been in England for ten years.

THE PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE

FORM

The Past Perfect Continuous Tense is formed by using

HAD BEEN + PRESENT PARTICIPLE
(past perfect of *to be*) of the main verb

<p>I had been waiting You had been waiting He/she/it had been waiting</p>	<p>We had been waiting You had been waiting They had been waiting</p>
<p>I had not (hadn't) been waiting You had not been waiting He/she/it had not been waiting</p>	<p>We had not (hadn't) been waiting You had not been waiting They had not been waiting</p>
<p>Had I been waiting? Had you been waiting? Had he/she/it been waiting?</p>	<p>Had we (not) been waiting? Had you (not) been waiting? Had they (not) been waiting?</p> <p>N.B. Hadn't I/you been waiting? Hadn't he/she been waiting? etc.</p>

USES

Past

Present

Future

x

X

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Past Perfect Cont.

- ◆ It is used when the action began before the time of speaking in the past and continued up to that time, or stopped just before it (we can often use either form)

It was now six and he was tired because he had worked/had been working since dawn.

- ◆ A repeated action (*How many times?*) in the past perfect can sometimes be expressed as a continuous action by the past perfect continuous

He had tried five times to get her on the phone.

He had been trying to get her on the phone.

vs.

By six o'clock he had repaired the engine.
(the job had been completed)

- ◆ It is used in Indirect Speech