

UNIT 8

PAST PERFECT SIMPLE

| Affirmative | Interrogative |
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| I had started you had started he had started she had started it had started we had started you had started they had started | Had I started? Had you started? Had he started? Had she started? Had it started? Had we started? Had you started? Had they started? |
| Negative | Short answers |
| I hadn't started you hadn't started he hadn't started she hadn't started it hadn't started we hadn't started you hadn't started they hadn't started | Yes, I/you/he etc had. No, I/you/he etc hadn't. |

Form

- We form the past perfect simple with **had** and the **past participle** of the main verb.
- We form questions by putting **had** before the subject.
- We form negations by putting **not** after **had**.

Use

We use the **past perfect simple** for a past action which happened in the past **before** another past action.

*He watched TV **after** he **had finished** his homework.*

(First, he finished his homework, then he watched TV.)

Grammar Reference

Time expressions used with the **past perfect simple**: *before, after, just, already* etc.

PAST CONTINUOUS/PAST PERFECT/PAST SIMPLE

- We use the **past continuous** for an action which was **in progress** in the **past**.
*He **was walking** in the street when it started raining.*
- We use the **past perfect** for an action which **had finished before another action happened**.
*He **had entered** his house when it started raining.*
- We use the past simple for an action which happened **at a specific time** in the past.
*He **woke up** early yesterday.*