

Grammar

Past perfect and past simple

past perfect		
affirmative	negative	questions
I / You had played	I / You hadn't played	Had I / you played ?
He / She had played	He / She hadn't played	Had he / she played ?
We / You / They had played	We / You / They hadn't played	Had we / you / they played ?

LOOK!

Time expressions with the past perfect

I had played tennis before I went to the cinema.

= I went to the cinema after I had played tennis.

By the time *Lucy arrived, I had already watched the film.*

1 Underline the past perfect verbs in the sentences.

I had never witnessed an accident before I saw the crash yesterday.

- The team had cycled nearly 20 km before I saw them.
- The families rushed to the hospital after they had heard about the tragedy.
- Everybody returned to their cabin after they had eaten.
- By the time I finished my homework, the programme had already finished.
- She had already been at the cinema for 20 minutes by the time Rick phoned her.

2 Complete the sentences with the past perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

By 4.30pm, Joe and Pete had put up (put up) a tent.

- By 5.15pm, they _____ (collect) wood.
- By 6.30pm, they _____ (make) a fire.
- By 8pm, they _____ (go) to bed.
- By 9.30pm, they _____ (fall) asleep.
- By 11pm, it _____ (start) to rain.

3 Circle the correct answer.

After Piotr **had set off** / **set off** on his fishing trip, the weather changed.

- Everyone thought he had died when he **didn't return** / **hadn't returned**.
- Some people didn't believe that he **survived** / **had survived** at sea for 13 months.
- Piotr said that he **ate** / **had eaten** raw fish and turtles to stay alive.
- He **looked** / **had looked** healthy, but he had been a much bigger man before his adventures.
- He **told** / **had told** us many stories about his time at sea after he returned.

4 Order the words to make sentences.

his wife / spoken to / had / saw / soon after / I / James / I.

I saw James soon after I had spoken to his wife.

- before / met / your job / you / Had / started / already / your manager / you ?
- first aid / received / survivors / the / we / arrived / already / By the time / had .
- came / when / for 20 minutes / in / been / She / already / had / the building / the firefighters .
- before / I / France / to / had / already / in / went / been / twice / I / the summer .