

PAST PERFECT



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Definizione

Il *Past perfect* si usa per descrivere azioni **passate** antecedenti ad altre avvenute sempre nel passato.

Esprime quindi un'azione anteriore rispetto a un momento nel passato.

_(PAST PERFECT)_____ (past simple) _____ I _____
past now future



Come si forma

HAD + PARTICIPIO PASSATO

AFFERMATIVA

I **had read** the book before I saw the film.

INTERROGATIVA

Had you **finished** the book before you saw the film?

NEGATIVA

I **hadn't finished** the book before I saw the film.

INTERROGATIVA-NEGATIVA

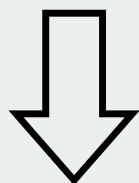
Hadn't you **finished** the book before you saw the film?



Quando si usa -1

Per azioni avvenute prima di altre nel passato:

Silvia was wet because
she **had left** her umbrella
at home.



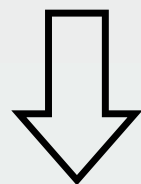
Si è dimenticata
l'ombrello, prima di
bagnarsi.



Quando si usa -2

Con verbi come *think, know, be sure*:

I **knew he'd eaten** the cake
when I saw his face!



L'ha fatto
prima che lo vedessi.



Quando si usa -3

Con espressioni temporali come *when, since, for, already, yet, by the time*:

<i>already/ when</i>	The concert had already finished , when I arrived.
<i>by the time</i>	By the time I arrived, the concert had finished !
<i>yet</i>	The concert finished, but I hadn't arrived yet .
<i>since</i>	Since I hadn't seen the concert, I watched it on television the next day.
<i>for</i>	We had been there for an hour and the concert hadn't started !



Altri usi

Il *Past perfect* si usa anche:

- Nel discorso indiretto per riportare ciò che è stato detto al ***Past simple*** o al ***Present perfect***:

She told me she **had bought** the tickets.

- Nel periodo ipotetico di terzo tipo per esprimere impossibilità nel passato:

If I **had known** you were in town I would have invited you to lunch.



Per esercitarsi

Inserisci il *Past perfect* dei verbi tra parentesi alla forma affermativa, interrogativa o negativa.

I got sunburnt because I.....any sun-cream. (*not use*)

Peter felt sick because he.....too much ice-cream. (*eat*)

We didn't understand the story because we.....the beginning.
(*miss*)

Where.....the umbrella? (*they leave*)

The flowers were withering because Martha.....to water them.
(*forget*)

I was tired because I.....hard all day. (*work*)

John had nothing to eat because he.....the shopping. (*not do*)

Sue got to school late because she..... (*over-sleep*)





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Mettiti alla prova!
Cerca di riconoscere il *Past perfect*
in un contesto reale!

*How I Met Your Mother - 'Drunch' Instead Of
Brunch*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8Hq5KCx9is>

