

Past perfect

We use the past perfect to express the idea that something occurred before another action in the past.

It can also show that something happened before a specific time in the past.

Subject + *had* + past participle + complement.

I had read the novel before I saw the movie.

Task 1: Put the verbs into the past perfect form.

1. The storm destroyed the sandcastle that we (build) _____ .
2. When she went out to play, she (do / already) _____ her homework.
3. My brother ate all of the cake that our mom (make) _____ .
4. The doctor took off the cast that he (put on) _____ six weeks before.
5. The waiter brought a drink that I (not / order) _____ .
6. I could not remember the poem we (learn) _____ week before.
7. The children collected the apples that (fall) _____ from the tree.
8. She (not / ride) _____ a horse before that day.

Task 2: Make sentences in past perfect using the prompts below.

1. By the time / I was 6 / learn / ride bicycle / how
_____ .
2. Before / had breakfast / I / take / shower
_____ .
3. Before class / the teacher / teach / us / irregular verbs / was over
_____ .
4. I / read / **Dracula** / before / I saw / the movie
_____ .