**Past Perfect**

**FORM**

[had + past participle]

Examples:

* You **had studied** English before you moved to New York.
* **Had** you **studied** English before you moved to New York?
* You **had** not **studied** English before you moved to New York.

**USE 1 Completed Action Before Something in the Past**

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The Past Perfect expresses 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.

Examples:

* I did not have any money because I **had lost** my wallet.
* **Had** Susan ever **studied** Thai before she moved to Thailand?
* We were not able to get a room because we **had not booked** in advance.

**USE: Duration Before Something in the Past (Non-Continuous Verbs)**

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We also use the Past Perfect to show that **something started in the past and continued up until another action in the past**.

Examples:

* We **had had** that car for ten years before it broke down.
* By the time Kim finished his studies, he **had been** in Paris for two years.
* They felt bad about selling the house because they **had owned** it for more than forty years.

**ACTIVE / PASSIVE**

Examples:

* George **had repaired** many cars before he received his mechanic's license. *Active*
* Many cars **had been repaired** by George before he received his mechanic's license. *Passive*