

## 7- the Past Perfect

We form the Past Perfect with **had** and the **past participle** (regular verbs: infinitive + -ed; irregular verbs: 3rd column of the table of the irregular verbs)

### had + past participle

We use the same form of the auxiliary **had** every time regardless the subject.

#### past participle:

- regular verbs: **infinitive + -ed**
- irregular verbs: **3rd column** of the table of the irregular verbs

#### Affirmative sentences

regular verbs	irregular verbs
I/you/he/she/it/we/they <b>had played</b> hockey.	I/you/he/she/it/we/they <b>had gone</b> home.

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#### Negative sentences

regular verbs	irregular verbs
I/you/he/she/it/we/they <b>had not played</b> hockey.	I/you/he/she/it/we/they <b>had not gone</b> home.

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#### Questions

regular verbs	irregular verbs
<b>Had</b> I/you/he/she/it/we/they <b>played</b> hockey?	<b>Had</b> I/you/he/she/it/we/they <b>gone</b> home?

**Past Perfect (The verb be has the same form every time regardless the subject.)**

Affirmative		Negative	
long form	short form	long form	short form
I had been	I'd been	I had not been	I hadn't been

## Exercise

Put in the verbs in brackets into the gaps and form sentences in the Past Perfect. Use contracted forms only when there are personal pronouns.

Example: Before Steven did his homework he \_\_\_\_\_ at the library.  
(**to study**)

Answer: Before Steven did his homework he **had studied** at the library.

- 1) She \_\_\_\_\_ in Sweden before she went to Norway. (**to live**)
- 2) After we \_\_\_\_\_ the cornflakes, Henry came in. (**to eat**)
- 3) Before Ken ran to Kerry's house, he \_\_\_\_\_ him. (**to phone**)
- 4) After they \_\_\_\_\_ their rucksacks, they rode away on their bikes. (**to pack**)
- 5) Gerry helped his grandma in the house because his father \_\_\_\_\_ him so. (**to tell**)
- 6) The cat hid under the chair because the children \_\_\_\_\_ so loud. (**to be**)
- 7) Before the students started to write, the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ their mobile phones. (**to collect**)
- 8) After Max \_\_\_\_\_ his breakfast, he left the flat. (**to finish**)
- 9) Laura repaired her glasses because her brother \_\_\_\_\_ them. (**to break**)
- 10) By the time the show began, all friends \_\_\_\_\_. (**to arrive**)