



# PAST PERFECT 2



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## Warm up

Look at the sentences below and answer the given questions.

*She had finished her report before the meeting started.*

1. What tasks had been completed first?
2. Had you ever finished a project well ahead of a deadline? What was it?
3. What preparations had you made before going on your last vacation?

*He had been practising the piano for months before his first concert.*

1. Is the piano practice a single event or is it spread over time?
2. Had you been working on a skill or hobby for a long time before you felt proficient? What was it?
3. What activities had you been doing regularly before a significant change in your life happened?



## 2

**Language point: past perfect and past perfect continuous (theory)**

Look at the boxes below.

- When we talk about things that happened before or up to a specific point in the past, we often use the **past perfect simple (had + past participle)** and **past perfect continuous (had + been + -ing)**.

**Past perfect simple**

- We use the past perfect simple to talk about completed actions (but we do not say when they happened)

*The match **had already started** when we turned on the television.*

*I went to Brazil last year. **I'd never been** there before.*

*The meeting **had finished** when I arrived.*

- When we use the past perfect simple, we focus on a completed activity

*She was ready. She **had studied** everything.*

*There were no more cigarettes left. **He'd smoked** the whole pack!*

- We use the past perfect simple to say how much or how many

***I'd met** him 5 times before then.*

*How many books **had he written**?*

*How much money **had he made** since 2001? → We are referring to a year in the past*





### Past perfect continuous

- We use the past perfect continuous to talk about unfinished activities that started before a specific time in the past

*When I met him, I'd **been working** in London since 2004.*

*I didn't know many people. I **hadn't been living** there for very long.*

- We use the past perfect continuous to focus on an activity. It is not important if the activity is finished or unfinished

*She was ready. She'd **been studying** very hard. →*

*We are interested in the activity of studying.*

*His clothes smelt. **Had he been smoking**?*

- We often use the past perfect continuous to say how long

*I **hadn't been watching** television for very long. → We are referring to a time in the past*

*I'd **been writing** for two hours.*

*How long **had you been standing** there?*

### 3

#### Language point: past perfect and past perfect continuous (practice)

Part A: Last summer, Alice went on holiday. She did a lot of things for the first time. Write a sentence about each activity like in the example.

1. eat sushi

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2. fly by plane

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3. swim in the sea

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4. sunbathe on the beach

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5. stay at a 5-star hotel

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6. meet so many interesting people

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7. have so much fun

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8. sing in a karaoke bar

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9. see ancient buildings

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Part B: Play the video file or scan the code on the right with your mobile device. Imagine the actions that took place yesterday. Write a sentence about each clip using the past perfect continuous.



argue with someone  
swim in the sea

bake cookies  
walk in the park

cycle in the forest  
work out in the gym

rain all morning

1. She \_\_\_\_\_.

2. She \_\_\_\_\_.

3. It \_\_\_\_\_.

4. They \_\_\_\_\_.

5. They \_\_\_\_\_.

6. He \_\_\_\_\_.

7. They \_\_\_\_\_.

Part C: Choose the correct structure to complete the following sentences.

1. I loved Paris. *I'd visited / I'd been visiting* the city three times before then.
2. When I met Carlos, he was a student. *He'd been studying / He'd studied* in London for nearly two years.
3. Alison was very excited. That was the first time *she'd ever travelled / she'd ever been travelling* abroad.
4. Joseph seemed very stressed. I think *he'd been working / he'd worked* too much.
5. *I'd emailed / I'd been emailing* Jack five times. Until then, *he hadn't replied / he hadn't been replying*.
6. Until 2002, Brazil *had won / had been winning* the world cup four times.
7. I saw Pedro yesterday in the park. I *hadn't seen / hadn't been seeing* him for ages! I wondered what he *had done / had been doing* with himself all that time.



## 4

**Reading comprehension**

Part A: Read the reading about Sarah's trip (page six). Choose the correct answer.

1. What did Sarah and her friends do on the weekend?
  - a. went shopping
  - b. went on a hiking trip to the mountains
  - c. stayed at home watching movies
  - d. visited a museum
  
2. Why did Sarah bring her camera?
  - a. to take photos of animals
  - b. to capture beautiful landscape shots
  - c. to film a documentary
  - d. to record their conversations
  
3. How did the weather affect their hiking trip?
  - a. It was sunny all day.
  - b. It was windy and cold.
  - c. It started raining briefly.
  - d. It snowed heavily.
  
4. What happened to Sarah's camera during the hike?
  - a. The battery died.
  - b. It got wet.
  - c. She lost it.
  - d. She forgot to bring it.
  
5. How did they end their day after hiking?
  - a. They went to a party.
  - b. They had dinner at a restaurant.
  - c. They went swimming.
  - d. They went to sleep early.



## A Weekend Adventure

### Challenges, laughter, and unforgettable views

1. Last weekend, Sarah and her friends decided to go on a hiking trip to the nearby mountains. They had been planning this adventure for weeks. By Friday evening, they had packed their bags and had checked the weather forecast. Sarah had promised to bring her camera because she had been wanting to capture some beautiful landscape shots.
2. On Saturday morning, they set off early. As they were hiking up the trail, the weather had been changing constantly. At one point, it had started drizzling, so they had to take shelter under a big tree. By the time the rain had stopped, they had been hiking for nearly two hours.
3. After a challenging climb, they had reached the summit by noon. The view had been worth all the effort. They had never seen such breathtaking scenery before. Sarah had taken several photos by then, but she had forgotten to charge her camera battery, so it had died just as they had arrived at the best viewpoint.
4. Despite the camera mishap, they had enjoyed their time on the summit. They had been laughing and joking about the adventures they had shared over the years. As they were descending, the sun had come out again, casting a golden hue over the landscape.
5. By the time they had reached the base of the mountain, they had spent almost the entire day outdoors. Exhausted but happy, they had decided to treat themselves to a hearty dinner at a local restaurant before heading back home.

1. By the time they \_\_\_\_\_ (**reach**) at the summit, they \_\_\_\_\_ (**hike**) for nearly two hours.
2. Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ (**promise**) to bring her camera because she \_\_\_\_\_ (**want**) to capture some beautiful landscape shots.
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ (**laugh**) and \_\_\_\_\_ (joke) about their adventures by the time they \_\_\_\_\_ (**descend**) from the summit.
4. The rain \_\_\_\_\_ (**start**) just as they \_\_\_\_\_ (**take**) shelter under a big tree.





## 5

**Speaking practice**

In pairs or small groups, create a fictional story together. Use past perfect and past perfect continuous tenses to describe the background, events leading up to the main story, and the main events themselves. Each person should contribute to different parts of the story using these tenses. Once the story is complete, present it to the class.

## 6

**Talking point**

In pairs, discuss the following questions.

1. Have you ever visited a place that you had always dreamed about? Describe the experience.
2. What had you been doing before you finally decided to take a break yesterday?
3. What had you been doing before you finally reached your destination after a long journey?
4. Have you ever met someone whom you had already heard a lot about? How did your perception change after meeting them?
5. Have you been using any software for a while before discovering its hidden features?