

# Seminario 19:

**Past Simple**

**VS.**

**Past Perfect**

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# What is the **PAST** Perfect?




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A teenage girl **had been talking** on the phone for about half an hour, and then she hung up.



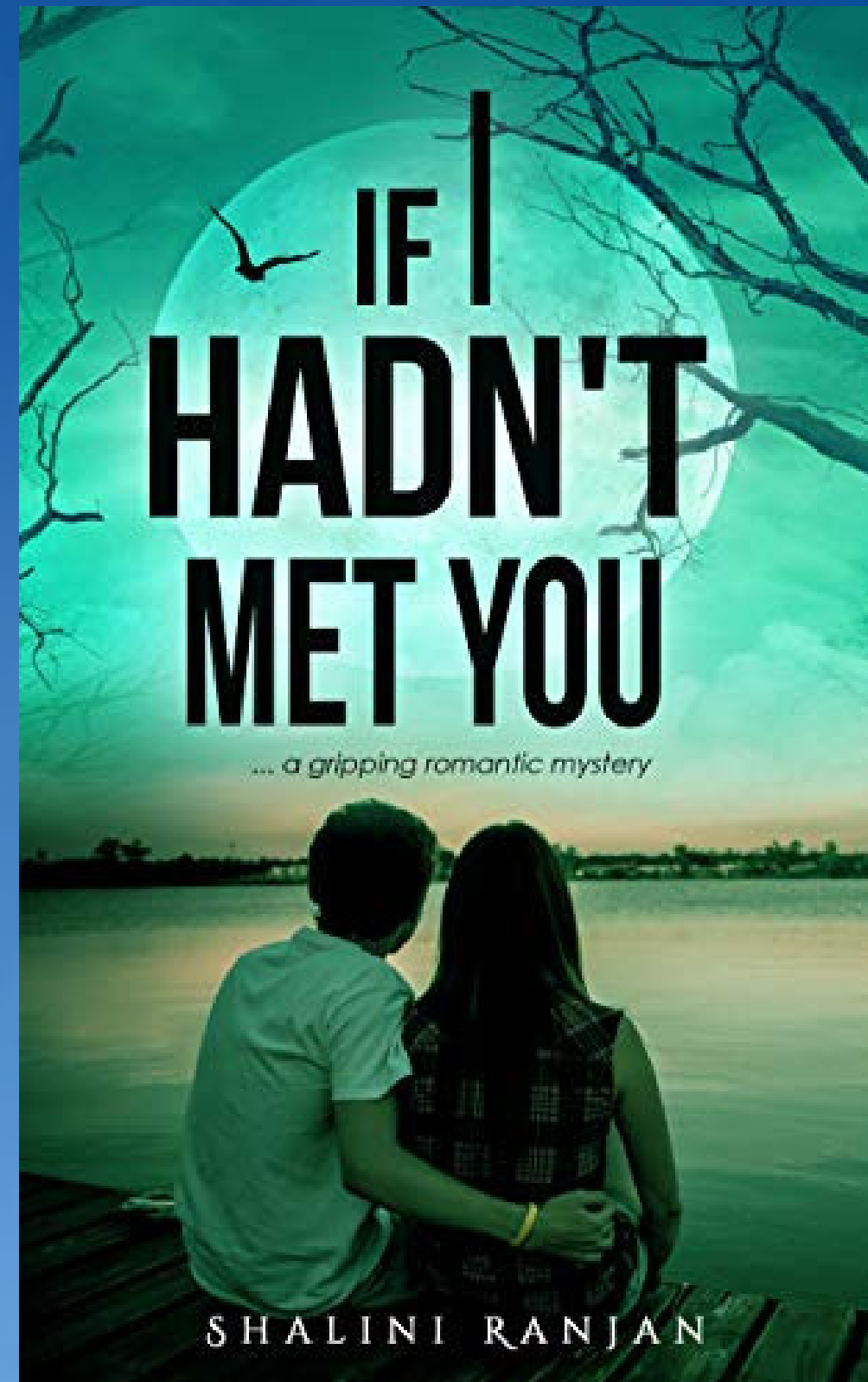
"Wow!" said her father, "That was short. You usually talk for two hours. What happened?"



"Wrong number," replied the girl.

# What is the **PAST** Perfect?

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# What is the **Past Simple**?

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# FORM

## Past Simple

### (affirmative)

#### Regular verbs (infinitive +ed)

I **decided**  
he / she / it **played**  
you **finished**  
we **watched**  
they **beliveded**

I **decided** to get a master's degree.  
He **played** his favorite song for her.  
You **finished** early.  
We **watched** the match together.  
They **beliveded** his story.



# FORM

## Past Simple

### (affirmative)

#### Irregular verbs

I **spoke**

he / she / it **did**

you **went**

we **thought**

they **ran**

I **spoke** to her this morning.

She **did** it yesterday.

You **went** there very early.

We **thought** it was a good idea.

They **ran** home.

# FORM

## Past Simple : Regular Verbs in affirmative

Regular verbs = infinitive +ed

*Pronunciation!*

cleaned  
allowed  
believed  
explained  
closed

finished  
watched  
attached  
checked  
helped

*Pronunciation!*

decided  
accepted  
contacted  
started  
needed

# FORM

## Past Simple : Regular Verbs in affirmative

Regular verbs = infinitive +ed

*Pronunciation!*  
ed = 'd'

cleaned  
allowed  
believed  
explained  
closed

**NO** extra syllable

ed = 't'

finished  
watched  
attached  
checked  
helped

*Pronunciation!*  
ed = 'ed'

decided  
accepted  
contacted  
started  
needed

**ed = EXTRA SYLLABLE**

# COMMON CONFUSION!!

## Past Simple : Regular Verbs in affirmative

Regular verbs = infinitive +ed

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ed = 't'

I clean it. (now or in the past???)

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ed = 't'

I clean it. (now or in the past???)

**clean-ed** ≈ **clean it (pres simple)**

**cleaned**

**allowed** NOT allow it

**closed** NOT close it

We finish it. (now or past???)

**finish-ed** ≈ **finish it**

**finished**

**watched** NOT watch it

**checked** NOT check it

# TOP TIP!!

## Past Simple : Regular Verbs in affirmative

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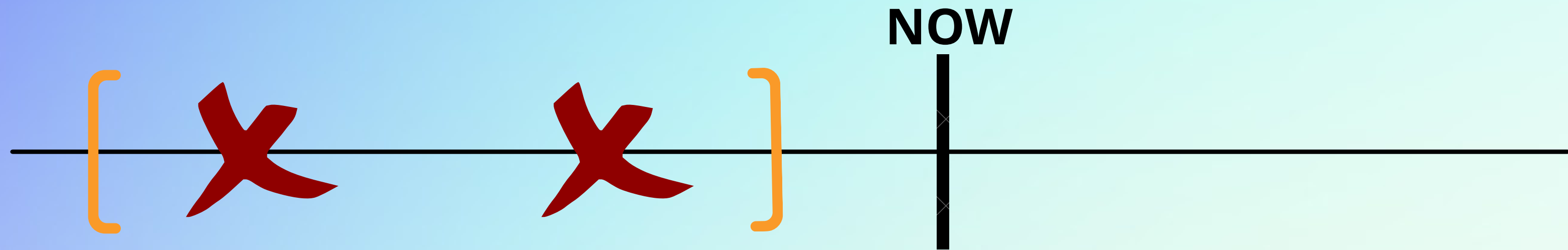
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# USE

## Past Simple



Last year he **went** to Munich.

I **saw** that movie last month.

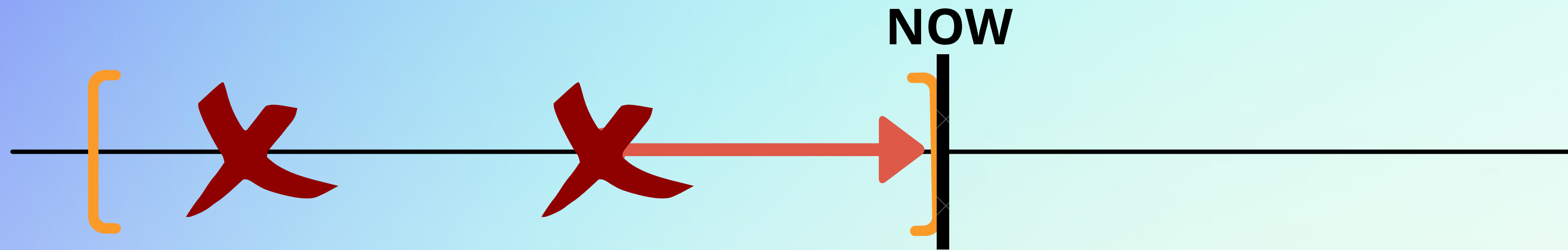
She **did** a lot yesterday.

They only **lived** there for 2 years.



# USE

## Present Perfect



### ***Experience***

This year he **has been** to Munich twice.

I **have seen** that movie already.

### *Change*

She **has done** a lot today.

### **Continuing situation**

They **have lived** there since January.

# USE

## Present Perfect



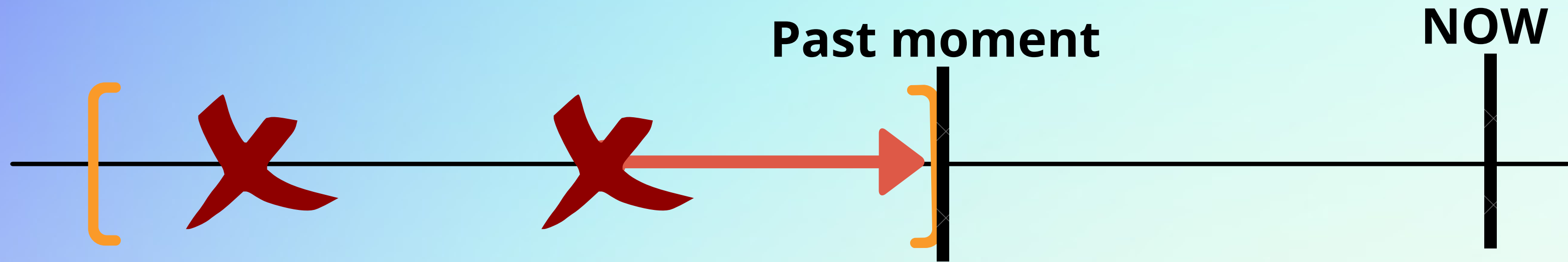
# USE

## PAST Perfect



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## PAST Perfect



***Experience*** That year he **had been** to Munich twice already.

I **had seen** that movie already.

***Change*** She **had done** a lot by the time she had to leave.

***Continuing situation*** They **had lived** there since January.

# FORM

THEN

NOW

Past Simple

VS

PAST Perfect



Last year **he went** to Munich once.

Yesterday **she worked** late.

**It ran** well the first time we used it.

This morning **we spoke** with him.

In 2018 **they gave** more money.

**I went** there many years ago.

**You made** a good decision then.

Last year **he had been** to Munich twice.

Yesterday **she had worked** late.

**It had run** well since we started using it..

**We had spoken** with him already.

**They hadn't given** any money yet.

**I had been** there before.

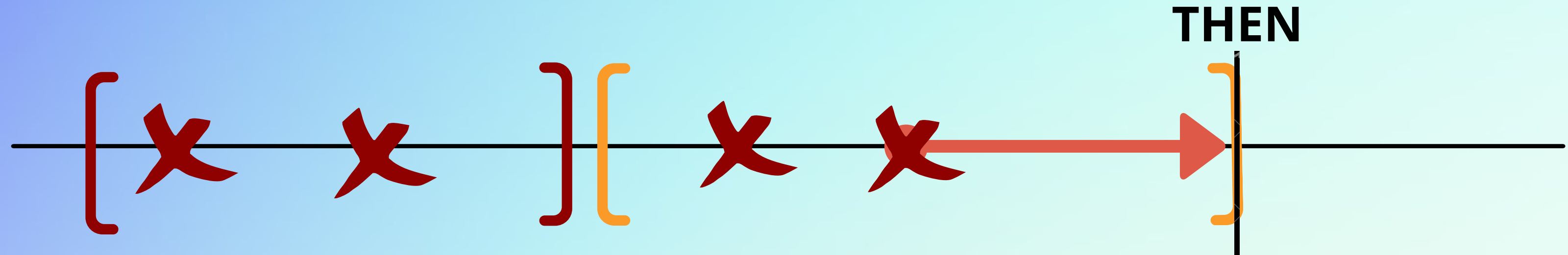
**You had made** good decisions then.

# TIME FRAME

Past Simple

vs

PAST Perfect



Past Simple

=

WHEN EXACTLY?

PAST Perfect

=

ALREADY?  
BY THE TIME?

YET?

# KEY WORDS

## Past Simple vs PAST Perfect

**FINISHED** time in the past

yesterday  
3 days ago  
in 2003  
in December  
when I was young  
last week, month, summer  
when she arrived

time RELATIVE to other action

when  
already  
until  
before  
by the time  
yet  
just  
up to then (that point)  
never

# KEY VERB CHANGES

**Past Simple**

**vs**

**PAST Perfect**

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## AFFIRMATIVE

**was /were**

**ate**

**came**

**knew**

**make**

**did**

**drank**

**fell**

**have/has been**

**have/has eaten**

**have/has come**

**have/has known**

**have/has made**

**have/has done**

**have/has drunk**

**have/has fallen**



# KEY VERB CHANGES

## Past Simple vs PAST Perfect

### NEGATIVE

wasn't  
didn't eat  
didn't come  
didn't know  
didn't make  
didn't do  
didn't drink  
didn't fall

hadn't been  
hadn't eaten  
hadn't come  
hadn't known  
hadn't made  
hadn't done  
hadn't drunk  
hadn't fallen

# CONTEXT

## Past Simple vs PAST Perfect

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**Monica flew to London yesterday. As she had never travelled by plane before, she was a little nervous.**

**First she checked in, then she went to the gate. Finally the plane was ready for boarding and Monica got on the plane.**

**She had already fastened her seatbelt when the flight attendants gave the safety demonstration.**

**After the flight attendants had completed the safety demonstration, the plane took off.**

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# USE

## PAST Perfect

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### 1) When something happened before another event.

**I got out of a meeting at 3pm.** = specific moment in the past.

**My colleague was waiting for me.**  
**My colleague decided to not wait..** = moment in the past  
**My colleague had lunch.**

**My colleague **had** already **eaten** by  
the time I got out of the meeting.** = moments compared in past.

# USE

## PAST Perfect

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**2) When saying what someone else said in the past.  
(Reported Speech)**

**Mathias said, "I have been to 10 different countries." (present perfect)**

**Mathias told me he had been to 10 different countries. (past perfect)**

**Sometimes this is an option in English:**

**Mathias told me he went to 10 different countries over his holidays.  
(past simple)**

# USE

## PAST Perfect

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### 3) Third Conditional

**If Mathias has enough money, he will travel to the Maldives.**

**(1st, or future, conditional)**

*Si Mathias tiene suficiente dinero, viajará a las Maldivas.*

**If Mathias had enough money he would travel to the Maldives.**

**(2nd, or present, conditional) (he doesn't have the money)**

*Si Mathias tuviera suficiente dinero, viajaría a las Maldivas.*

**If Mathias **had had** enough money he would have travelled to the Maldives.**

**(3rd, or past conditional) simple) (he didn't have enough; he didn't go)**

*Si Mathias hubiera tenido suficiente dinero,  
habría viajado a las Maldivas.*

# What is the **PAST** Perfect?

To Fluency

## PAST PERFECT

### **More Examples**

*"My wife had already been to the UK before she met me."*

*"The film had already started when we arrived."*

*"She didn't answer the phone because she had gone to the gym."*

*"It was sad to sell the house because we had owned it for 25 years."*



# What is the **PAST** Perfect?

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If Will Smith hadn't  
slapped Chris Rock I  
wouldn't have known the  
Oscars even happened.



# EXERCISE TIME!

Past Simple vs Past Perfect

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GRAMMAR  
HAMMER  
TIME!



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# POLL TIME

## Past Simple vs Past Perfect

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**EXERCISE 1:** Choos the correct form of either the Past Simple or Past Perfect.

**Note: more than one answer can be correct!**

1. I can't believe the dog \_\_\_\_ my sandwich!

a) had eaten

b) had ate

**c) ate**

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2. I couldn't believe the dog \_\_\_\_ my sandwich!

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3. He \_\_\_\_ the entire sandwich by the time I realized.

a) had eaten

b) had ate

c) ate

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4. I \_\_\_\_ of going to Benidorm until she suggested it.

a) didn't think

b) didn't thought

**c) hadn't thought**

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## Past Simple vs Past Perfect

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5. What \_\_\_\_\_ today?

a) had you done

**b) did you do**

**c) have you done**

# POLL TIME

## Past Simple vs Past Perfect

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6. We got to the movie theatre late, but the movie \_\_\_\_\_.

a) still hadn't started

b) didn't start yet

c) hadn't started yet



# COMMON CONFUSION!!

Past Simple

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Past Perfect

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I didn't been to in London.

When I looked at the dog it  
ate my sandwich. (already)

I hadn't been to London before.

When I looked at the dog it  
had eaten my sandwich.  
(already)

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**Past Simple** vs **Past Perfect**

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**GRAMMAR  
HAMMER  
TIME!**



# EXERCISE TIME!

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# EXERCISES

## PAST Perfect

### EXERCISE 2: Conjugate the form of the past perfect with the verb indicated:

Conjuga la forma del pasado perfecto con el verbo indicado.

- 1.(be)** She \_\_\_ \_\_\_ to China. (*Experience*)
- 2.(arrive)** The client \_\_\_ just \_\_\_\_\_. (*Change*)
- 3.(be)** They \_\_\_ \_\_\_ here since 2 o'clock. (*Continuation*)
- 4.(lose)** So far, they \_\_\_ only \_\_\_ three games. (*Experience*)
- 5.(miss)** At that time, you \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of classes. (*Experience*)
- 6.(taste/try)** It was the best cake I \_\_\_ ever \_\_\_\_\_! (*Experience*)
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# What is the **PAST** Perfect?



If I hadn't been told I was garbage, I wouldn't have learned how to show people I'm talented. And if everyone had always laughed at my jokes, I wouldn't have figured out how to be so funny. If they hadn't told me I was ugly, I never would have searched for my beauty. And if they hadn't tried to break me down, I wouldn't know that I'm unbreakable.

— *Gabourey Sidibe* —

**AZ QUOTES**

# What is the **PAST** Perfect?

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I think, "Because I hadn't had my coffee yet," is a perfectly good defense in any court.



somee cards  
user card



# EXERCISES

## PAST Perfect

### EXERCISE 3: Fill in the missing participle to complete the sentence:

Pon el participio que falta para completar la frase:

**steal** **meet** **wipe** **catch** **get away** **visit** **leave** **lock** **die**

1. The burglars **had** \_\_\_\_\_ the home earlier that day.
2. The victim **had** \_\_\_\_\_ her murderer earlier in the week but didn't know.
3. By the time the police got there, the thief **had** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ already.
4. The police looked for fingerprints but the murderer **had** \_\_\_\_\_ everything clean.
5. Supposedly, the victim died from the fall, but the autopsy showed he **had** already \_\_\_\_\_.
6. She didn't realize it but she **had** not \_\_\_\_\_ the door.
7. Before, he had a chance to cancel the cards, over 5,000€ **had** \_\_\_\_\_.
8. If the police **hadn't** \_\_\_\_\_ him, he could have killed many more innocent people.

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# MORE EXERCISES

## Past Perfect

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**EXERCISE 4:** Find and correct the mistakes with the Past Perfect form.

(Encuentra y corrige los errores con la forma Past Perfect.)

1. I've already ate lunch.

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2. She been in Italy before.

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3. My colleague have left already.

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**4. He's just began a new book.**

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**5. She has just came from the airport.**

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**6. I drink a lot of coffee today.**

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**7. I had receive a lot of emails since Monday.**

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>>> I had received a lot of emails since that Monday.

# EXERCISES

## PAST Perfect

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**EXERCISE 6:** Translate the following sentences. (Traduce las siguientes frases)

1. No reconocía el pueblo porque había crecido mucho.

1.

2. Cuando llamaste acabábamos de llegar a casa.

2.

3. A la hora que llegaron ya había empezado el partido.

3.

4. Nunca habían llegado tarde.

4.

5. Ya habían rechazado nuestra propuesta dos veces.

5.

# EXERCISES

## PAST Perfect

**EXERCISE 6: Translate the following sentences.** (Traduce las siguientes frases)

1. No reconocía el pueblo porque había crecido mucho.

**1. I didn't recognize the town because it had grown a lot.**

2. Cuando llamaste acabábamos de llegar a casa.

**2. When you phoned we had just gotten home.**

3. A la hora que llegaron ya había empezado el partido.

**3. By the time they arrived home the game had already started.**

4. Nunca habían llegado tarde.

**4. They had never arrived late.**

5. Ya habían rechazado nuestra propuesta dos veces.

**5. They had already rejected our proposal twice.**



# EXERCISES

## PAST Perfect

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### **EXERCISE 7: Guess the historical person that goes with each accomplishment.**

(Adivina la persona historica que va con el logro)

1. He had already conquered countries by the age of 18. -
2. By the age of 10 he had already composed major symphonies. -
3. She commanded an army and was executed by the age of 19. -
4. By the age of 20 he had become a Roman senator. -
5. She had written the classic novel "Frankenstein" by the age of 20. -
6. He had developed a calculator by the age of 19 -
7. By the age of 14 she had won an Olympic gold medal with a perfect score. -

# EXERCISES

## PAST Perfect

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2. By the age of 10 he had already composed major symphonies. - **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart**
3. She commanded an army and was executed by the age of 19. - **Joan of Arc**
4. By the age of 20 he had become a Roman senator. - **Octavian (Julius Ceasar's nephew)**
5. She had written the classic novel "Frankenstein" by the age of 20. - **Mary Shelley**
6. He had developed a calculator by the age of 19 - **Blaise Pascal**
7. By the age of 14 she had won an Olympic gold medal with a perfect score. - **Nadia Comeneci**

# LET'S LISTEN...



## ...about surviving love

# LET'S LISTEN...

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## SURVIVING LOVE

Somebody That I Used to Know

by Gotye

# LET'S LISTEN...

## SONG 1

02:22

Now and then I think of all the times you  
\_\_\_\_\_ me over

But \_\_\_\_\_ me believing it was always  
something that I'd \_\_\_\_\_

And I don't wanna live that way

Reading into every word you say

You \_\_\_\_\_ that you could let it go

And I wouldn't catch you hung up on  
somebody that you \_\_\_\_\_ know...

## EXERCISE 8 Listen and fill in the blanks.

But you didn't have to cut me off

Make out like it never \_\_\_\_\_

And that we were nothing

And I don't even need your \_\_\_\_\_

But you treat me like a stranger

And that feels so \_\_\_\_\_

You didn't have to stoop so low

Have your friends collect your records

And then change your number

I \_\_\_\_\_ that I don't need that \_\_\_\_\_

Now you're just somebody that I used to know

.....Somebody (3:45)

# LET'S LISTEN...

## SONG 1

02:22

Now and then I think of all the times you  
**screwed** me over

But **had** me believing it was always  
something that I'd **done**

And I don't wanna live that way  
Reading into every word you say  
You **said** that you could let it go  
And I wouldn't catch you hung up on  
somebody that you **used to** know...

## EXERCISE 8 Listen and fill in the blanks.

But you didn't have to cut me off  
Make out like it never **happened**  
And that we were nothing  
And I don't even need your **love**  
But you treat me like a stranger  
And that feels so **rough**  
You didn't have to stoop so low  
Have your friends collect your records  
And then change your number  
I **guess** that I don't need that **though**  
Now you're just somebody that I used to know  
.....Somebody (3:45)

# LET'S LISTEN...

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## SURVIVING LOVE

Escape (The Piña Colada Song)

Original song by Rupert Holms // Acapella cover by the Poor Boys

# LET'S LISTEN...

## SONG 2

## EXERCISE 8 Listen and fill in the blanks.

I was tired of my lady  
We \_\_\_\_\_ together too long  
Like a worn out \_\_\_\_\_  
Of a favorite song  
So while she lay there \_\_\_\_\_ '  
I read the paper in bed  
And in the personal columns  
There was this letter I \_\_\_\_\_

If you like piña coladas  
And gettin' \_\_\_\_\_ in the rain  
If you're not into yoga  
If you have half a \_\_\_\_\_  
If you like makin' love at midnight  
In the dunes on the \_\_\_\_\_  
Then I'm the love that you've \_\_\_\_\_  
Write to me and escape



# LET'S LISTEN...

## SONG 2

## EXERCISE 8 Listen and fill in the blanks.

I was tired of my lady  
We'd **been** together too long  
Like a worn out **recording**  
Of a favorite song  
So while she lay there **sleepin'**  
I read the paper in bed  
And in the personal columns  
There was this letter I **read**

If you like piña coladas  
And gettin' **caught** in the rain  
If you're not into yoga  
If you have half a **brain**  
If you like makin' love at midnight  
In the dunes on the **cape**  
Then I'm the love that you've **looked for**  
Write to me and escape

# LET'S LISTEN...

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## SURVIVING LOVE

I Will Survive

by Gloria Gaynor

# LET'S LISTEN...

## SONG 3

### EXERCISE 8 Listen and fill in the blanks.

At first I was afraid, I was \_\_\_\_\_

Kept thinking I could never live without you by my side

But then I \_\_\_\_\_so many nights thinking how you did me wrong

And I \_\_\_\_\_strong

And I learned how to get along

And so you're back

From outer space

I just \_\_\_\_\_ to find you here with that sad look upon your face

I should have \_\_\_\_\_that stupid lock, I should have \_\_\_\_\_you leave your key

If \_\_\_\_\_for just one second you'd be back to bother me

# LET'S LISTEN...

## SONG 3

### EXERCISE 8 Listen and fill in the blanks.

At first I was afraid, I was **petrified**

Kept thinking I could never live without you by my side

But then I **spent** so many nights thinking how you did me wrong

And I **grew** strong

And I learned how to get along

And so you're back

From outer space

I just **walked in** to find you here with that sad look upon your face

I should have **changed** that stupid lock, I should have **made** you leave your key

If **I'd known** for just one second you'd be back to bother me

# LET'S LISTEN...

## SONG 3

### EXERCISE 8 Listen and fill in the blanks.

Go on now, go, walk out the door  
Just turn around now  
'Cause you're not welcome anymore  
Weren't you the one who \_\_\_\_\_ to hurt me with goodbye?  
You think I'd crumble?  
You think \_\_\_\_\_ and die?  
Oh no, not I, I will survive  
Oh, as long as I know how to love, I know I'll \_\_\_\_\_ alive  
I've got all my life to live  
And I've got all my love to give and I'll \_\_\_\_\_  
I will survive, hey, hey

# LET'S LISTEN...

## SONG 3

### EXERCISE 8 Listen and fill in the blanks.

Go on now, go, walk out the door  
Just turn around now  
'Cause you're not welcome anymore  
Weren't you the one who **tried** to hurt me with goodbye?  
You think I'd crumble?  
You think **I'd lay down** and die?  
Oh no, not I, I will survive  
Oh, as long as I know how to love, I know I'll **stay** alive  
I've got all my life to live  
And I've got all my love to give and I'll **survive**  
I will survive, hey, hey

# Q&A Sesión

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*Thank  
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