

PAST PERFECT – Auxiliary – **HAD**



Use:

- ✓ For an action that took place in the past before another past action.
- ✓ Something that happened earlier and has a consequence on the time you are talking about; maybe only a short time ago, but before the events we are talking about.
- ✓ It is used to show which of two events happened first.
- ✓ To form the 3rd conditional.

Affirmative: **SUBJECT** + **HAD** + **PAST PARTICIPLE FORM** + object, etc.

I, we, he, etc., + **had played** + football this morning before it started to rain.

Negative: **SUBJECT** + **HAD NOT / HADN'T** + **PAST PARTICIPLE FORM OF THE VERB** + (object / place / time)

I, we, he, etc., + **hadn't** + **played** + football before we ate lunch.

Interrogative:

a. Yes / No questions: **HAD** + **SUBJECT** + **PAST PARTICIPAL FORM OF THE VERB** + (object / place / time) ?

HAD I, they, he, etc., + **played** + football before they had dinner? Yes, they had. / No, they hadn't.

b. W/h. questions: **W/H QUESTION WORD** + **HAD** + **SUBJECT** + **PAST PARTICIPAL FORM OF THE VERB** + (object / place / time)?

What HAD I, you, he, etc., **done** + before you went to bed last night? I **had done** many things so I was tired.

Used with the third conditional in the 'if' part of the sentence:

If I had not done my homework, my teacher would have been mad at me.

If I had not drunk that extra beer, I wouldn't have had a headache this morning.