

# The Most Important Tenses of English

In this part of the presentation we are going to discuss the tenses in the **past** time

# The tenses for the **past** time are:

Past Simple

Past Continuous

Present Perfect

Past Perfect



We are going to continue discussing the past time tenses with the **Past Perfect** tense.

# The Past Perfect

We use the **Past Perfect** tense when:

- we are talking about the **past** time, and
- there are **at least two** activities in the past, and
- we want to **emphasize** that one happened **before** the other.

→ I'd **bought** a map before I **went** to Paris.

# The Past Perfect

We **cannot** use the **Past Perfect** tense **alone**, we need a **Past Simple** action to which the **Past Perfect** can refer.



# The Past Perfect

The verb in the Past Perfect tense has two parts:

had

and

past participle

- It's the Past Simple of the verb 'to have'.
- Here, you decide if the sentence is positive, negative or if it is a question.
- there are regular and irregular verbs
- Here, you decide about the activity

# The Past Perfect

There are **two** kinds of past participle:

## Regular

They have **-ed** ending

→ work + ed = worked

→ stop + ed = stopped

→ dance + ed = danced

## Irregular

They don't have any rules, you need to **learn them by heart**.

→ be - been

→ go - gone

→ swim - swum

# The Past Perfect

The verb 'read'

positive sentences

## Singular

I had read.

You had read.

He had read.

She had read.

It had read.

## Plural

We had read.

You had read.

They had read.



# The Past Perfect

The verb 'read'  
negative sentences

## Singular

I had not (hadn't) read.

You had not (hadn't) read.

He had not (hadn't) read.

She had not (hadn't) read.

It had not (hadn't) read.

## Plural

We had not (hadn't) read.

You had not (hadn't) read.

They had not (hadn't) read.

# The Past Perfect

## The verb 'read'

questions and short answers

### Singular

Had I read? Yes, I had. / No, I hadn't.

Had you read? Yes, you had. / No, you hadn't.

Had he read? Yes, he had. / No, he hadn't.

Had she read? Yes, she had. / No, she hadn't.


Had it read? Yes, it had. / No, it hadn't.

### Plural

Had we read? Yes, we had. / No, we hadn't.

Had you read? Yes, you had. / No, you hadn't.

Had they read? Yes, they had / No, they hadn't.



If you put any verb in past participle form instead of 'read', you make **correct** sentences in the **Past Perfect** tense.



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