



# Past Perfect

Read each sentence carefully and determine the usage of the past perfect tense. Choose from the following options:

- 1) past of the past (an action that happened before another past action)
- 2) cause and effect in the past
- 3) reported speech
- 4) 3<sup>rd</sup> conditional

Write your chosen option next to each sentence.

1. After she **had finished** her homework, she went to bed.

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2. Robert missed the bus because he **had overslept**.

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3. When I arrived at the party, everyone **had** already **left**.

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4. If they **had asked** for directions, they wouldn't have gotten lost.

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5. My parents couldn't watch the movie since someone **had broken** the laptop.

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6. The tour guide explained that she **had visited** the historic site many times before.

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7. The teacher was surprised because the students **had not studied** for the test.

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8. Sonia realized she **had forgotten** her wallet at home when she got to the store.

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9. Adriana **had never driven** a car before, so she felt quite nervous.

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10. After they **had spent** all their money, they had to borrow some from a friend.

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11. If she **had known** about the party, she would have attended.

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12. She confessed that she **had eaten** all the cookies.

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13. By the time they reached the airport, their flight **had already taken off**.

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14. My colleague's superior informed us that Marco **had just gotten** in a cab.

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15. Quentin would have passed the exam if he **had studied** harder.

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## Answers

1. past of the past
2. cause and effect in the past
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4. 3<sup>rd</sup> conditional
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