

## PAST PERFECT TENSE

Hi homies! Siapa nich di antara kalian yang masih bingung soal penggunaan dan rumus dari past perfect tense? Nah, kalau ada yang masih bingung, kali ini kita akan bahas mengenai present perfect *just for all of you*. Mari kita mulai dengan penjelasan apa itu past perfect tense. Past perfect tense digunakan untuk menyatakan bahwa suatu aksi telah selesai pada suatu titik di masa lalu sebelum aksi lainnya terjadi. Sebagai contoh; Linda had finished doing the dishes when we got home (Linda sudah selesai mencuci piring ketika kami sampai di rumah).

### Rumus Past Perfect Tense

Rumus yang digunakan untuk past perfect tense terbagi dua, yaitu *verbal sentence* (kalimat dengan kata kerja) dan *nominal sentence* (kalimat tanpa kata kerja).

Verbal Sentence	
(+) S + had + Verb 3	(+) He had finished doing his homework
(-) S + had + not+ Verb 3	(-) He had not finished doing his homework
(?) Had + S + Verb 3	(?) Had he finished doing his homework?
Nominal Sentence	
(+) S + had + been + Non verb	(+) Ali had been a teacher for years
(-) S + had + not + been + Non verb	(-) Ali had not been a teacher for years
(?) Had+ S + been + Non verb	(?) Had Ali been a teacher for years

### Penggunaan Past Perfect Tense

Penggunaan	Contoh kalimat
1. Untuk menyatakan bahwa suatu aksi telah selesai pada suatu titik di masa lalu sebelum aksi lainnya terjadi.	- Inaya had slept when I called her. (inaya telah tidur ketika aku menelponnya)
2. Sesuatu yang dimulai di masa lalu dan berlanjut hingga tindakan atau waktu lain di masa lalu.	- He had been a news reporter for 2 years before he decided to be an English teacher. (Dia telah menjadi reporter berita selama 2 tahun sebelum dia memutuskan untuk menjadi guru bahasa Inggris.)
3. Untuk berbicara tentang hal-hal yang tidak nyata atau imajiner di masa lalu (conditional sentece).	- If I had worked hard, I would have been rich. (Jika saya bekerja keras, saya akan kaya)

### Exercise:

- I was late. The party ... by the time I got there.  
A. Started  
B. Had started
- She ... an actress before she became a singer.  
A. Had been  
B. Was

3. By the time class was over this morning , the rain ... so I didn't need my umbrella anymore.  
A. Stopped  
B. Had stopped
4. Last night I went to bed at ten o'clock. I ... my homework.  
A. Had finish  
B. Had finished
5. We had a lot of trouble because we ... our passports.  
A. Have lost  
B. Had lost
6. Amy ... a lot before she took the test.  
A. Had studied  
B. Has studied
7. We got into the restaurant only because we ... our places.  
A. Reserved  
B. Had reserved
8. If I ... enough money, I would have gone with you.  
A. Had  
B. Had had
9. If George ... polite, he would have answered the teacher back.  
A. Had not been  
B. Had not been
10. The patient ... medicine before the doctor came.  
A. Had taken  
B. Had took

**Key answer:**

1. B  
2. A  
3. B  
4. B  
5. B  
6. A  
7. B  
8. B  
9. A  
10. A

Source:

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