

past perfect simple

positive and negative forms			questions
I / you / he / she / we / they	had / 'd hadn't	(+past participle) done it.	Had you / he / she done it?
Use the past perfect simple to describe a past event or situation and to show that another past event / situation happened earlier.			
I suddenly remembered I'd left my briefcase on the train.			
Compare:			
The doctor had already left when Jo arrived. (First the doctor left; then Jo arrived.)			
The doctor left when Jo arrived. (Jo arrived; after that, the doctor left.)			
<i>Already</i> is used with perfect tenses to emphasize that something happened earlier. It usually goes between <i>had</i> and the past participle.			
I'd already gone to bed when Dan came home.			
In sentences with the conjunctions <i>before</i> and <i>after</i> , the order of events is often clear, so the past perfect is optional.			
The accident (had) happened before we arrived.			
The past perfect is often used after verbs related to thinking e.g. <i>remember</i> , <i>realize</i> , <i>discover</i> , <i>wonder</i> , <i>find out</i> , <i>learn</i> , <i>think</i> .			
I realized we'd met somewhere before.			
I found out later that he'd lied to me.			
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cover & check exercises

12.1 Which explanation is correct?

Tick ✓ the box.

- When I got to the bank it had already closed.
A The bank closed before I arrived.
B I arrived and then the bank closed.
- I arrived at the party but John had left.
A I arrived and then John left.
B First John left, then I arrived.
- The lesson had already started when there was a power cut.
A First there was a power cut, then the lesson started.
B The lesson started, then there was a power cut.

12.2 Correct the errors where necessary.

Some sentences are correct.

- I couldn't go to the restaurant because I spent all my money.
- When I had arrived, the others had already left.
- I gave him the money before he asked me for it.
- When the film started, I realized I saw it a year ago.
- I thought he'd been to Italy before, but I was wrong.