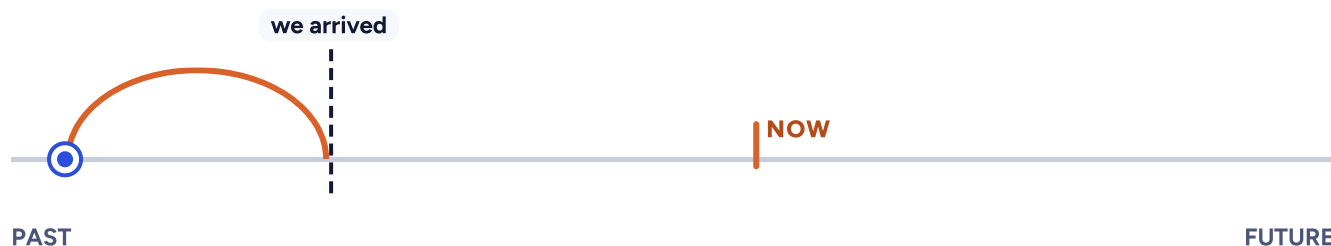


Past Perfect

Use the **Past Perfect** for something that happened before another moment in the past: *When we arrived, the film had started.* It makes the order of events clear. Form: **had + past participle**.

When we arrived, the film **had** already **started**.



1. Choose the right answer Circle a or b.

- By the time we got there, the shop _____.
a) closed b) had closed
- She _____ a plane before that trip.
a) had never taken b) has never taken
- I _____ the film before, so I knew the ending.
a) have seen b) had seen
- If I _____ about the traffic, I'd have left earlier.
a) had known b) would have known
- Yesterday I _____ to the dentist.
a) went b) had gone

2. Correct the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

1. When I arrived, she already left.

2. I had visited my grandparents last weekend.

3. If I would have known, I would have come.

3. Your turn

Write three sentences about your own life in the **Past Perfect**. Use one of these words in each.

already

by then

by the time

before

after

when

just

never ... before

See the rule move

The full lesson, with more pictures, examples and a quiz that checks your answers, is free at
clarigram.app/tenses/past-perfect

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1. Choose the right answer

1. **b) had closed** It closed before we got there.
2. **a) had never taken** Before that trip is a point in the past, so the earlier past takes had + participle.
3. **b) had seen** Seeing it came before knowing the ending, and both are in the past.
4. **a) had known** The if-part of the third conditional takes the Past Perfect.
5. **a) went** Just one past event at a finished time: the Past Simple is enough.

2. Correct the mistake

1. **When I arrived, she had already left.** She left before you arrived. The Past Perfect shows that order.
2. **I visited my grandparents last weekend.** There's no second past event here, so the Past Perfect isn't needed.
3. **If I had known, I would have come.** The if-part of the third conditional takes the Past Perfect. Would belongs only to the result.

3. Your turn

Answers will vary. Check that each sentence follows the rule on page 1, or paste them into Clarigram to have them checked.