

Past perfect or past perfect continuous tense?

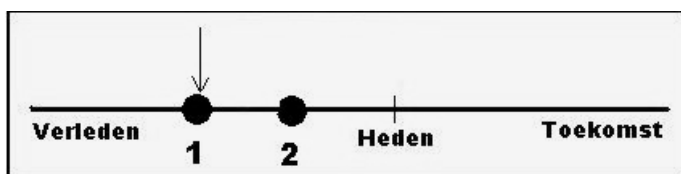
De voltooide verleden tijd (= past perfect) wordt gemaakt door **had** samen met een **voltooid deelwoord**.

Voorbeelden:

I was tired, because I had not slept for days.

The pupils talked about the film they had watched.

De *past perfect* gebruik je om aan te geven dat er iets in het verleden gebeurde voordat er iets anders gebeurde.



Voorbeelden:

Before I went to school, I had cleaned up my room.

Eerst heb ik mijn kamer opgeruimd, daarna ging ik naar school.

She fell asleep, after she had read for hours.

Eerst heeft ze uren gelezen, daarna is ze in slaap gevallen.

De actie die het meest in het verleden ligt zet je in de *past perfect*. De actie die daarop volgt zet je in de *past simple*.

De past perfect continuous wordt gemaakt door '**had been**' samen met het **voltooid deelwoord**.

Voorbeelden:

I had been studying English for six years

Wel zes jaar lang heeft zij Engels gestudeerd, maar inmiddels nu niet meer.



De *past perfect continuous* gebruik je als er iets in het verleden begonnen is en inmiddels is afgelopen. Je wilt vooral de tijds**duur** benadrukken. Ook de *past perfect continuous* gebruik je voordat een andere actie begint.

Exercises

A. Kies bij de volgende zinnen: *past perfect* of *past perfect continuous*.

1. They (talk) for over an hour before Tony arrived.
2. James (teach) at the university for more than a year before he left for Asia.
3. After I (sell) my car, I bought a new one.
4. We admired the painting that Lucy (paint)
5. How long (study) you English before you moved to Florida?

B. Vul de juiste werkwoordsvorm in; *past perfect* of *past perfect continuous*.

I'm sorry I left without you last night, but I told you to meet me early because the show started at 8:00. I (try) to get tickets for that play for months, and I didn't want to miss it. By the time I finally left the coffee shop where we were supposed to meet, I (have) five cups of coffee and I (wait) over an hour. I had to leave because I (arrange) to meet Kathy in front of the theater.

When I arrived at the theater, Kathy (pick, already) up the tickets and she was waiting for us near the entrance. She was really angry because she (wait) for more than half an hour. She said she (give, almost) up and (go) into the theater without us.

Kathy told me you (be) late several times in the past and that she would not make plans with you again in the future. She mentioned that she (miss) several movies because of your late arrivals. I think you owe her an apology. And in the future, I suggest you be on time!