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Unit 3 (Education)
Grammar : Past Perfect

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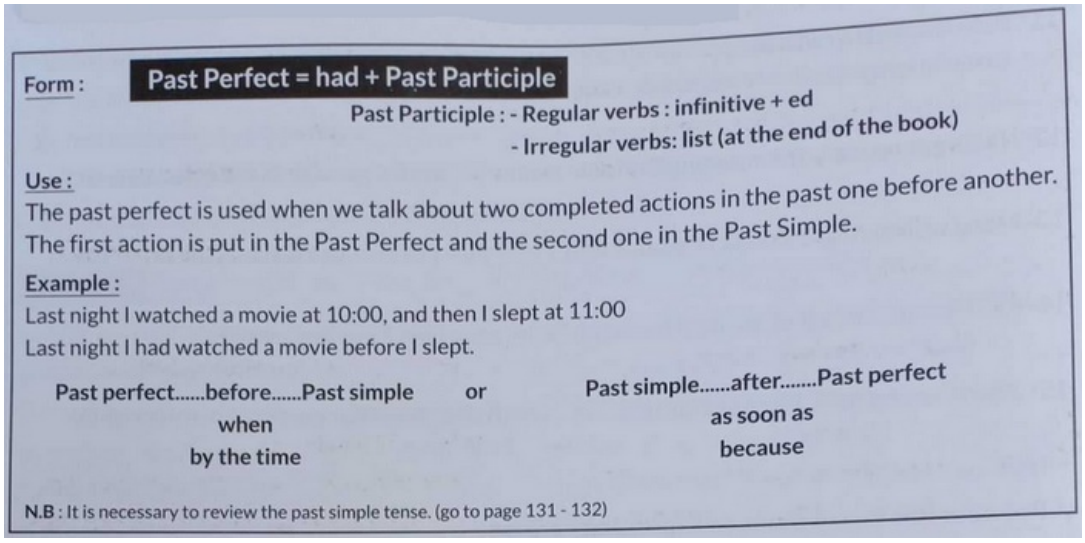
I- Course



Form : **Past Perfect = had + Past Participle**

Past Participle : - Regular verbs : infinitive + ed
- Irregular verbs: list (at the end of the book)

Use :

The past perfect is used when we talk about two completed actions in the past one before another. The first action is put in the Past Perfect and the second one in the Past Simple.

Example :

Last night I watched a movie at 10:00, and then I slept at 11:00

Last night I had watched a movie before I slept.

Past perfect.....before.....Past simple — or — Past simple.....after.....Past perfect

before : when, by the time

after : as soon as, because

N.B : It is necessary to review the past simple tense. (go to page 131 - 132)

II- Practice 1

Put the verb () in the past perfect or simple :

1. When I arrived home last night, my family already (have) _____ dinner.
2. Sara had done her homework before she (go) _____ to bed.
3. The children already (sleep) _____ by the time their father came home.
4. After she (finish) _____ revising her lessons last night, Helen helped her mother.
5. Frank went to university after he (graduate) _____ from high school last year.

6. Before Mary (have) _____ breakfast this morning, she had taken a shower.
7. Tom (be) _____ late for work last Monday because he had had an accident.
8. The teacher (begin) _____ the lesson as soon as the students had arrived.
9. They (wait) _____ for 30 minutes when the bus finally arrived.
10. After Chaimae (get) _____ her Baccalaureate last year, her parents (buy) _____ her a new car.

III- Practice 2

Put the verb () in the past perfect or simple :

1. Last summer, I travelled by plane to Paris for the first time. I (feel) _____ very nervous because I never (take) _____ the plane before.
2. When Farid arrived to class, the exam already (start) _____ .
3. Yesterday Laura went to the English club after she (finish) _____ her homework.
4. Ahmed (work) _____ as a waiter for 15 years in Spain before he (start) _____ his own project three years ago.
5. I (call) _____ you yesterday, but there was no answer.
6. Chorouk (start) _____ singing three years ago.
7. Last year, about nine million tourists (visit) _____ Morocco.

IV- Previous National Exams items on Past Perfect / Simple

1) Mike : Have you heard from Jennifer? she (manage) _____ to catch her train last night ?

David : Unfortunately not. When she (get) _____ to the train station, the train already (leave) _____ .

2) Hi Tom, I'm in Ouarzazate now. I (come) _____ here four days ago after I (visit) _____ Marrakech.

3) My parents (move) _____ to this city before I was born.

4) Bob and David enjoy (watch) _____ science fiction films. Yesterday, they (go) _____ to the cinema, but when they arrived, they found that the film already (start) _____ . So, they decided to have a walk along the coast.

5) After Nabil (retire) _____ from work, he moved to the countryside.

6) The heavy rainfalls (damage) _____ a lot of roads last December.

7) After Karim (get) _____ his visa last month, he (go) _____ to the USA to start a new business.

8) The city council (build) _____ a new stadium two years ago.

9) Before she became a doctor, Salma already (work) _____ hard as a biology teacher for two years.

10) The Simons (to live) _____ in Marrakech for ten years when I first (meet) _____ them in 1988.

11) Leila missed the interview yesterday morning, her train already (to leave) _____ the station when she got there.