



English: 2Bac (All Streams)

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.

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|-----------------------------------------|----|----------------------------------------|
| Past perfect.....before.....Past simple | or | Past simple.....after.....Past perfect |
| when                                    |    | as soon as                             |
| by the time                             |    | 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.