

1 Tick (✓) the correct boxes.

Was Mo's teacher at school when Mo arrived?

Yes No

Which happened first?
Mo arrived.

The teacher left.



GRAMMAR

A

The past perfect simple is to say that one thing happened *before* another thing happened.

*When Mo got to school the teacher **had gone**.*

= First the teacher left, then Mo arrived at school.

The teacher left *before* Mo arrived.

*When Snapper arrived at the football field the match **had started**.*

= First the match started, then Snapper arrived at the field.

The match started *before* Snapper arrived.

2 Read the sentences. Answer the questions.

► Milly went home because she'd forgotten her books.
What happened first?

Milly forgot her books. Milly went home.

1 After she'd seen her friend, Mo's mum went shopping.
What happened first?

Mo's mum went shopping. She saw her friend.

2 Mo's teacher was angry because Mo had arrived late.
What happened first?

The teacher was angry. Mo arrived late.

REMEMBER!

There are words called past participles. You need them to make the past perfect simple.

Base verb	Past simple	Past participle
work	worked	worked
smile	smiled	smiled

Be careful! Some past participles are not so easy.

eat	ate	eaten
sing	sang	sung

There's a list of these on page 218. You know most of them. Learn the ones you don't know.

3 Fill in the table.

	Base verb	Past simple	Past participle
▶	walk	<i>walked</i>	walked
1	see	saw	
2	meet	met	
3	open		opened
4	speak	spoke	
5	drink	drank	

B

The past perfect simple is easy to make. It's the same for everybody.

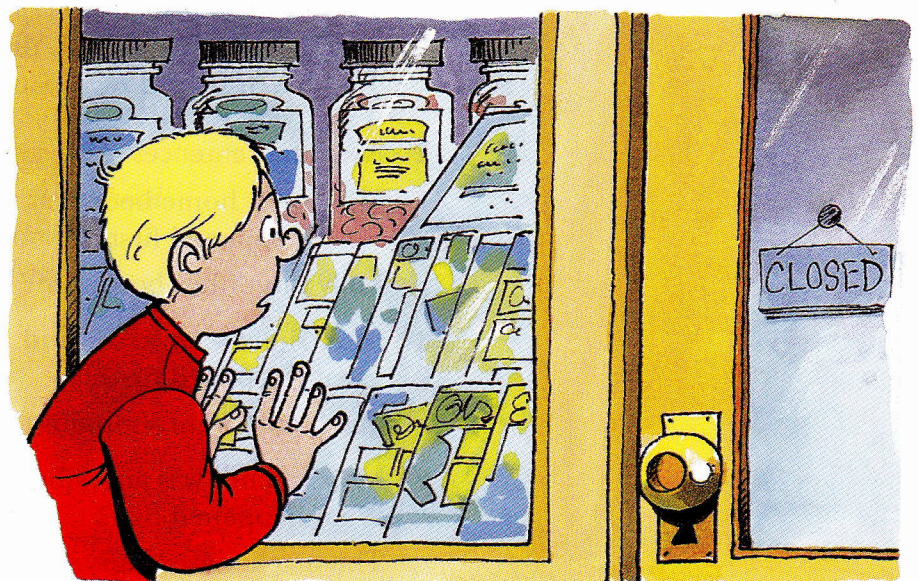
Use 'd (had) or hadn't + past participle.

Positive +	Negative -
I'd seen	I hadn't seen
you'd seen	you hadn't seen
he'd seen	he hadn't seen
she'd seen	she hadn't seen
it'd seen	it hadn't seen
we'd seen	we hadn't seen
you'd seen	you hadn't seen
they'd seen	they hadn't seen

See page 217.

4 Complete the sentences in the past perfect simple.

- ▶ When Snapper came home, Mo *hadn't done*... (not / do) his homework.
- 1 Mo couldn't buy a comic because the shop (shut).
- 2 When Snapper woke up, Mo (go) to school.
- 3 After he (eat) some toast, Snapper had a shower.
- 4 Mo's dad went to work after he (take) Milly to school.



C

Question	Short answer
Had I seen?	Yes, I had . OR No, I hadn't .
Had you seen?	Yes, you had . OR No, you hadn't .
Had he seen?	Yes, he had . OR No, he hadn't .
Had she seen?	Yes, she had . OR No, she hadn't .
Had it seen?	Yes, it had . OR No, it hadn't .
Had we seen?	Yes, we had . OR No, we hadn't .
Had you seen?	Yes, you had . OR No, you hadn't .
Had they seen?	Yes, they had . OR No, they hadn't .

5 Complete these questions.

- ▶ *Had* the teacher *gone* (go) when Mo arrived?
- 1 Mo (tidy) his room when Pad came to see him?
- 2 they (find) Mo's dog when he came back?
- 3 you (revise) before you did the test?
- 4 he (make) the cake when his friends arrived?



PRACTICE

6 Read the sentences and answer the questions.

- ▶ Mo was angry because Snapper had forgotten to buy his comic.
Which happened first?
Snapper forgot to buy Mo's comic.
Mo was angry.
- 1 After they'd been to the cinema, Mo and Snapper bought some burgers.
Which happened first?
They bought some burgers.
They went to the cinema.
- 2 Mo and Pad gave Snapper some sweets because they'd upset him.
Which happened first?
They upset Snapper.
They gave him some sweets.
- 3 After they'd been shopping, Mo and Milly decided to watch television.
Which happened first?
They watched television.
They went shopping.
- 4 Mo's friends bought him a present because he hadn't been very well.
Which happened first?
Mo wasn't well.
His friends bought him a present.
- 5 Mo went to see his grandparents because they'd been away on holiday.
Which happened first?
Mo saw his grandparents.
His grandparents went on holiday.

7 Join the two halves of each sentence with **because**. Use the past perfect simple in the second half of the sentences.

► Pad won a prize → write a good story

Pad won a prize because he'd written a good story.

1 Snapper didn't enjoy the film → see it before

2 Mo got bad marks in his test → not revise

3 Milly caught a cold → go out in the snow

4 Mo's mum didn't go to work → car break down

5 Snapper wanted a computer game → see it on television

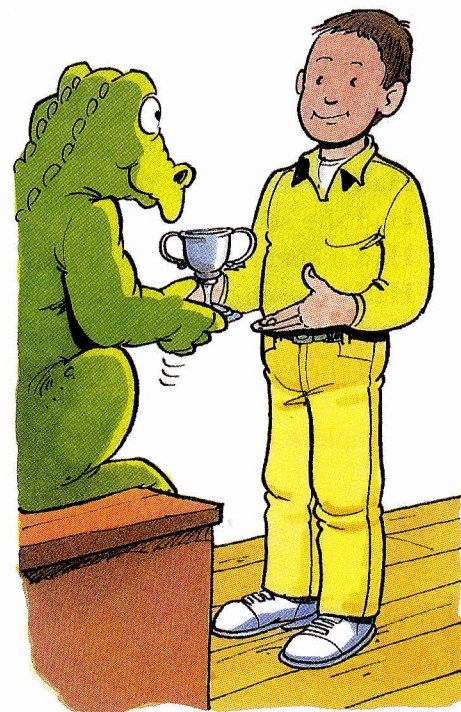
6 Billy changed schools → his parents moved house

7 Mo went to the police station → lose his wallet

8 Snapper couldn't buy any sweets → spend all his money

9 The teacher punished Spike → cheat in a test

10 Mo didn't recognise his cousin → not see him for a long time



8

a Work with a partner. Can you think of reasons why Mo and Snapper did the things below? Use the past perfect simple. Be as imaginative as you can. Write your ideas on a piece of paper.

► They went to an airfield.

1 They went to a police station.

2 They went into the garden at midnight.

3 They bought ten eggs and some lemonade.

4 They telephoned somebody they didn't know.

5 They hid behind the sofa for three hours.

► *They went to an airfield because they'd booked some flying lessons.*

They went to an airfield because they'd left their bicycles there.

They went to an airfield because they hadn't been to one before.

They went to an airfield because there was an air display there.

b Now read your ideas to the class.

a Read what Mo did last Monday.

After Mo had got out of bed, he ate a boiled egg. After he'd eaten the boiled egg, he had a bath. After he'd had a bath, he went to school. After he'd been to school, he bought a computer magazine. After he'd bought a computer magazine, he played football. After he'd played football, he watched television. After he'd watched television, he telephoned Pad. After he'd telephoned Pad, he did some homework. After he'd done some homework, he read a comic.

b Now read what Snapper did. Fill in the gaps with the past perfect simple.

After Snapper ► *had got* (get) out of bed, he had a shower.
 After he (1) (have) a shower, he brushed his teeth.
 After he (2) (brush) his teeth, he ate some sardine sandwiches. After he (3) (eat) the sardine sandwiches, he watched television. After he (4) (watch) television, he listened to some music. After he (5) (listen) to some music, he went to the shop. After he (6) (go) to the shop, he read a comic. After he (7) (read) a comic, he made lunch. After he (8) (have) lunch, he went to the cinema. After he (9) (go) to the cinema, he visited a friend. After he (10) (visit) a friend, he went home.

c Now work with a partner. Take turns to tell each other what you did yesterday. Use the past simple and the past perfect simple.

- Partner A *After I'd got up, I got dressed. After I'd got dressed, I packed my schoolbag. After I'd packed my schoolbag, I had breakfast. After I'd had breakfast ...*