Past Perfect (I had done)

A

Study this example situation:



Sarah went to a party last week. Eric went to the party, too, but they didn't see each other. Eric left the party at 10:30, and Sarah got there at 11:00. So: When Sarah got to the party, Eric wasn't there. He had gone home.

Had gone is the past perfect (simple):

I/we/they/you he/she/it had (= I'd, etc.) gone seen finished, etc.

The past perfect simple is had + past participle (gone/seen/finished, etc.)

Sometimes we talk about something that happened in the past:

Sarah got to the party.

This is the starting point of the story. Then, if we want to talk about things that happened before this time, we use the past perfect (had gone):

When Sarah got to the party, Eric had already gone home.

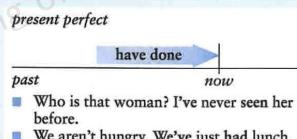
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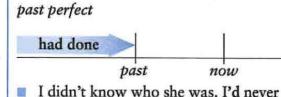
it for weeks.

- When we got home last night, we found that somebody had broken into our apartment.
- Karen didn't want to go to the movies with us because she had already seen the film.
- At first I thought I'd done the right thing, but I soon realized that I'd made a mistake.
- The man sitting next to me on the plane was very nervous. He hadn't flown before. or ... He had never flown before.

В

Compare have done (present perfect) and had done (past perfect):





- before. (= before that time)
- We aren't hungry. We've just had lunch.
 The house is dirty. They haven't cleaned
 We weren't hungry. We'd just had lunch.
 The house was dirty. They hadn't
 - The house was dirty. They hadn't cleaned it for weeks.

C

Compare the past perfect (I had done) and simple past (I did):

- "Was Ben at the party when you got there?" "No, he had already gone home."
- but "Was Ben at the party when you got there?" "Yes, but he went home soon afterward."

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Exercises

if we could help.

UNIT 14

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	1. You went to Jill's house, but she wasn't there.				
	(she / go / out) She had gone out.				
	2. You went back to your hometown after many years. It wasn't the same as before. (it / change / a lot)				
	3. I invited Rachel to the party, but she couldn't come.				
	(she / make / plans to do something else)				
	4. It was nice to see Daniel again after such a long time.				
	(I / not / see / him for five years)				
	(I / not / see / him for five years) 5. You went to the movies last night. You got there late. (the movie / already / begin)				
	(the movie / already / begin) 6. Sam played tennis yesterday. It was his first game, and he wasn't very good at it.				
	(he / not / play / before)				
	7. I offered Sue something to eat, but she wasn't hungry.				
	(she / just / have / breakfast)				
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14.2	Use the sentences on the left to complete the paragraphs on the right. These sentences				
	are in the order in which they happened – so (a) happened before (b), (b) before (c), etc.				
	But your paragraph should begin with the underlined sentence, so sometimes you will need the past perfect.				
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	1.	a)	Somebody broke into the office	We arrived at work in the morning and found that somebody <u>had broken</u>	
		Ы	during the night. We arrived at work in the morning.	into the office during the night. So we	
			We called the police.	The the office during the ingini of its	
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	2.		Ann went out.	I tried to phone Ann this morning, but	
			I tried to phone her this morning.	no answer.	
		c)	There was no answer.	Sheout.	
	2	۵١	Jim came back from vacation a few	I met Jim a few days ago. He	
	٥.	a)	days ago.	just	
		b)	I met him the same day.	He .	
			He looked relaxed.		
	4.		Kevin wrote to Sally many times.	Yesterday Kevin	
			She never answered his letters.	He very surprised.	
			Yesterday he got a phone call from her.	He many times,	
		d)	He was very surprised.	but she	8
14.3	But the work into the correct form, past perfect (I had done) or simple past (I did)				
	Put the verb into the correct form, past perfect (I had done) or simple past (I did).				
	1. "Was Ben at the party when you got there?" "No, he <u>had gone</u> (go) home."				
	2.	TI	felt very tired when I got home, so I	e. Everybody (go) straight to bed.	
	Э.		bed.	(go)	
	4			(break) down on my way here."	
	5	W	le were driving on the highway when we	(see) a car that	
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