

# Lesson 15: past perfect

	subject	auxiliary verb		main verb	
+	I	had		finished	my work.
+	You	had		stopped	before me.
-	She	had	not	gone	to school.
-	We	had	not	left.	
?	Had	you		arrived?	
?	Had	they		eaten	dinner?

**A** 1. You'd gone before I woke up.

**A** 2. I thought (realized) I'd made a mistake.

**B** Compare *present perfect* (have seen etc.) and *past perfect* (had seen etc.):

*Present perfect*

Who is that woman? I've seen her before, but I can't remember where.

*Past perfect*

I wasn't sure who she was. I'd seen her before, but I couldn't remember where.

**C** 3. - Yes, but he left early. (simple past)

**C** - No, He had already left. (past perfect)

# Lesson 16: past perfect continuous

**A** Study this example situation:

yesterday morning



Yesterday morning I got up and looked out of the window. The sun was shining, but the ground was very wet.

It **had been raining**.

It was *not* raining when I looked out of the window. The sun was shining. But it **had been raining** before.

**had been -ing** is the *past perfect continuous*:

I/we/you/they he/she/it	<b>had</b>	(= I'd etc.) (= he'd etc.)	<b>been</b>	doing working playing etc.
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**A** 4. It **had been raining** and the woods were cold and wet

**B** Compare **have been -ing** (*present perfect continuous*) and **had been -ing** (*past perfect continuous*):

*Present perfect continuous*



- I hope the bus comes soon. I've **been waiting** for 20 minutes. (*before now*)

*Past perfect continuous*



- At last the bus came. I'd **been waiting** for 20 minutes. (*before the bus came*)

**B** 5. Was this the moment Devi **had been waiting** for?

**C** Compare **was -ing** (*past continuous*) and **had been -ing**:

- It **wasn't raining** when we went out. The sun **was shining**. But it **had been raining**, so the ground was wet.
- Katherine **was lying** on the sofa. She was tired because she'd **been working** hard.

**C** 6. I **had been working** six months