

## TD n° 09

### I. PAST TENSES

#### I.1. Past perfect tense

##### I.1.1. Usage

The past perfect tense can be used to describe an action that was completed before some points in the past (we can use "before", "by the time", "already...etc.). It can be also used to describe an action that happened in the past before another action in the past. We can do the same thing but also emphasis the duration in order to show how long that first action happened (we can use "for" with a "duration" followed by "before" or "until").

##### I.1.1. Affirmative form (Different usages)

• Action that was completed before some points in the past	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I <u>had visited</u> China <u>before</u> I <u>moved</u> there.</li> <li>- Steve <u>had bought</u> the book <u>before</u> he <u>read</u> it.</li> <li>- The plane <u>had left by the time</u> I <u>got</u> to the airport.</li> <li>- <u>When</u> they <u>arrived</u>, we <u>had already started</u> the game.</li> </ul>
• Action that happened in the past before another action in the past	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I <u>had owned</u> my computer <u>for two months before</u> it <u>broke</u>.</li> <li>- Jim <u>had been</u> lonely <u>for a long time until</u> he <u>got</u> a puppy.</li> <li>- She and I <u>had been</u> friends <u>for many years before</u> she <u>became</u> my wife.</li> </ul>

##### I.1.2. Negative form (By using : "had not" / "hadn't")

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aff : I <u>had eaten</u> at the restaurant before I went yesterday.</li> <li>- Aff : She <u>had been</u> to the circus before she went last week.</li> <li>- Aff : The cat <u>had chased</u> the bird for very long before it flew away.</li> <li>- Aff : We <u>had known</u> each other for three months before we arrived.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Neg : I <u>hadn't eaten</u> at the restaurant before I went yesterday.</li> <li>- Neg : She <u>hadn't been</u> to the circus before she went last week.</li> <li>- Neg : The cat <u>hadn't chased</u> the bird for very long before it flew away.</li> <li>- Neg : We <u>hadn't known</u> each other for three months before we arrived.</li> </ul>
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##### I.1.3. Interrogative form and possible answers (Closed questions using HAD / YES or NO answers)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Interro : <u>Had she</u> eaten lunch by noon?</li> <li>- Interro : <u>Had they</u> watched the video before I arrived?</li> <li>- Interro : <u>Had it</u> rained before they left?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yes, she had / No, she hadn't</li> <li>- Yes, they had / No, they hadn't</li> <li>- Yes, it had / No, it hadn't</li> </ul>
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##### I.1.4. Interrogative form and possible answers (Open questions or WH questions)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Where <u>had he</u> traveled before?</li> <li>- Who <u>had she</u> talked to before?</li> <li>- What <u>had you</u> eaten before lunch?</li> <li>- How long <u>had she</u> known Jim before she dated him?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- He had traveled to <u>Tunisia</u>.</li> <li>- She had talked to <u>her brother</u>.</li> <li>- I had eaten <u>an apple</u> before lunch.</li> <li>- She had known Jim <u>for 3 years before</u> she dated him.</li> </ul>
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I.1.5. Practices (Fill in the blanks and find the mistakes.)	
• Checkup 01 : (Action that was completed before some points in the past)	• Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I ----- (work) for six hours before I had a break.</li> <li>- We ----- (not watch) TV before we listened to the radio.</li> <li>- Jim hadn't be to Egypt before he went to Algeria.</li> <li>- Rania and Jim had do their homework before they watched TV.</li> </ul>	<div>-----</div> <div>-----</div> <div>-----</div> <div>-----</div> <div>-----</div> <div>-----</div>
• Checkup 02 : (Action that happened in the past before another action in the past)	• Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You ----- (be) at the park for three hours before you came home.</li> <li>- They ----- (study) for six hours before they took a break.</li> <li>- They had been known each other for ten years before they had their first fight.</li> <li>- I have played soccer for many years before I scored my first goal.</li> </ul>	<div>-----</div> <div>-----</div> <div>-----</div> <div>-----</div> <div>-----</div> <div>-----</div>