

The past simple +the past perfect

The past perfect (had + the past participle) is used to show which of the two actions happened first .Often the other verb in the sentence is in the simple past.

ex: I had locked the door before I went to bed .

*we can use different words to link the two actions :

1-By the time :

ex : I had already cooked the dinner by the time my mother came 0

ex : By the time she was 21 ,she had got married .

2-When :

ex : When we arrived at the theater ,the concert had already started

ex : when I arrived at the restaurant , my friends had left .

3- Before :

ex : Carol had learnt to speak three languages before she when to school .

ex : Sami watched a film before he had gone to sleep .

4-After :

ex : After the lesson had ended , I spoke to the teacher .

5- Until :

Ex : They had never learnt English until they came to this school

6- Because :

Ex : He looked so different , because he had grown a moustache .

7- After :

ex : After we went to the restaurant , we realized that it had closed down .

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