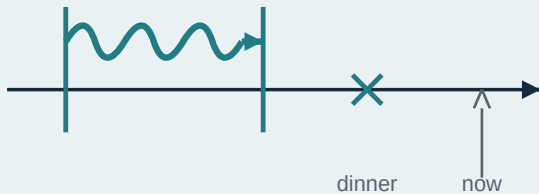


PAST PERFECT

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1 Look at the diagrams below.

I had finished my homework before dinner.



The train had left when we arrived.



2 Read the key idea.

We use the past perfect for an action completed before another action or time in the past.

The past perfect makes the earlier action clear: had + past participle.

3 Notice the useful time words.

USEFUL TIME WORDS

before | after | already | just | when | by the time

4 Read the example sentences.

Earlier action:

I had finished my homework before dinner.

Negative:

She had not seen snow before.

Sequence:

The train had left when we arrived.

Question:

Had you eaten before class?