

PAST PERFECT

B1 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Question Writing | 20-30 minutes

Complete questions, write detailed answers and form questions of your own.

EXAMPLE

Question: What **had** you **done** before your guests arrived?

Answer: I'd **cooked** dinner, but I **hadn't set** the table yet.

Remember: Had + past participle shows an event before a later past moment.

A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

Complete the questions using the grammar cues. Write full answers with a relevant detail.

1. What _____ you _____ before your last trip? (book)

Answer: _____

2. _____ you _____ the place before your last visit? (see)

Answer: _____

3. What _____ you _____ before you last lost something? (do)

Answer: _____

4. What _____ you _____ before a recent exam? (revise)

Answer: _____

B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

Put the words in order. Write each question. Start with a capital letter and add ?.

1. you / met / before / began / the / teacher / the / course / had

2. had / you / left / before / eaten / home / you / what

3. them / you / lost / put / you / your / keys / had / before / where

Try it: Ask your partner the questions in B. Ask one follow-up of your own.

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

Target forms and model answers are shown below. Personal answers will vary.

1. had / booked - What had you booked before your last trip?

Sample answer: I'd booked the train tickets and a room near the station.

2. Had / seen - Had you seen the place before your last visit?

Sample answer: No, I hadn't seen it before, so everything was new to me.

3. had / done - What had you done before you last lost something?

Sample answer: I'd moved my bag to another room and forgotten to take my keys out.

4. had / revised - What had you revised before a recent exam?

Sample answer: I'd revised the main topics, but I hadn't practised enough writing.

B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

1. Had you met the teacher before the course began?

2. What had you eaten before you left home?

3. Where had you put your keys before you lost them?

TEACHER NOTES

Keep a clear past reference point. Personal answers need an earlier event, not a later one.

Accept correct full forms and contractions. Check that answers match the question.

Encourage one relevant detail; check word order, capitals and question marks in B.