

PAST PERFECT

HOW TO FORM

FULL FORM

I **had** enjoy**ed** the meal
You **had** enjoy**ed** the meal
We **had** enjoy**ed** the meal
They **had** enjoy**ed** the meal
He **had** enjoy**ed** the meal
She **had** enjoy**ed** the meal
It **had** enjoy**ed** the meal

SHORT FORM

I'**d** enjoy**ed** the meal
You'**d** enjoy**ed** the meal
We'**d** enjoy**ed** the meal
They'**d** enjoy**ed** the meal
He'**d** enjoy**ed** the meal
She'**d** enjoy**ed** the meal
It'**d** enjoy**ed** the meal

POSITIVE

NEGATIVE

I had not enjoy ed the meal	I hadn't enjoy ed the meal
You had not enjoy ed the meal	You hadn't enjoy ed the meal
We had not enjoy ed the meal	We hadn't enjoy ed the meal
They had not enjoy ed the meal	They hadn't enjoy ed the meal
He had not enjoy ed the meal	He hadn't enjoy ed the meal
She had not enjoy ed the meal	She hadn't enjoy ed the meal
It had not enjoy ed the meal	It hadn't enjoy ed the meal

INTERROGATIVE

Had I enjoy**ed** the meal?
Had you enjoy**ed** the meal?
Had we enjoy**ed** the meal?
Had they enjoy**ed** the meal?
Had he enjoy**ed** the meal?
Had she enjoy**ed** the meal?
Had it enjoy**ed** the meal?

HOW TO USE

1) to talk about things that happen before the past (when it is important to show that one event happened before another)

By the time the ship reached the island, more than 20 sailors had died.

(we look back at the situation when sailors died. It happened before the ship reached the island)

The bottle of milk was empty. I had drunk it.

It was 10 p.m. They had closed the shop.

2) to talk about state that was true before another state took place.

I felt better yesterday but the day before yesterday I had felt very bad.

She told us the strange story of her classmate but I had already

3) forgot, remembered, realized, knew

We use Past Perfect to talk about things that happened before we forgot, remembered, realized, knew

I was at the bus station when I remembered that I had forgotten to take money.

NOTE: we use Past Perfect to make clear that one of the events DID NOT HAPPEN one by one.

If the events happened in sequence, we have to use PAST SIMPLE.

*I returned to buy one more thing but they had closed the shop.
(they had closed the shop before I returned)*

*I returned to buy one more thing but the shop was closed.
(it was closed when I returned)*

SHORT STORY

I was shocked the FBI was aware of my past employment. The FBI also knew I **had been** a tennis instructor for a number of years and assumed I **had worked** with children in that capacity, which was true. I explained that when I was in high school I **had been offered** (*Passive Voice of Past Perfect*) a job teaching tennis at a local country club because I **had been** one of the best junior tennis players in the area. From 1995 to 2004, I **had taught** at a variety of tennis clubs. I never enjoyed being a tennis instructor, even though I took my work very seriously.

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