PAST PERFECT. SU FORMA y USO

Study this example:

*"Frank was really excited because **he had won** the tournament*

▪ El Past Perfect Simple (pretérito pluscuamperfecto en español), se forma con

had + Past Participle

*" After we **had finished** the housework, we sat down and watched a film"*
*" Before I knew it, **they had** all **left** the party.*

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Como puedes ver en los ejemplos, el Past Perfect no aparece solo, sino que va acompañado de otra acción también en pasado. El pasado perfecto no tiene significado completo por sí mismo, y necesita una segunda acción para adquirir su sentido real.
Ambas oraciones hacen referencia a acciones pasadas**, pero una es anterior en el tiempo a la otra**. Fíjate en el ejemplo siguiente:

*"I was really worried after **I had read** the news"*

Acción 1   Acción 2

(Estaba preocupado después de que hubiera leído la noticia). ¿ Cuál de las dos acciones o proposiciones sucede antes en el tiempo?. La respuesta es clara: primero leyó la noticia, y como consecuencia de ello se sintió a continuación preocupado.

▪ Por tanto, el Past Perfect se usa para indicar **una acción en el tiempo anterior a otra.**

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PRACTICE.

1.- You will find pairs of actions. Find out which happens first and then join them by using the past perfect tense. You can also use after, before, because, etc. Follow the example:

"Susan went to the employment office. Susan lost her job last month".

After Susan had lost her job last month, she went to the employment office.

   a) They celebrated they victory / They won the tournament.

   b) Marta was very worried /The doctor told Marta had meningitis.

   c) The potato was brought to Europe/ Columbus discovered America

   d) He could buy a car then /. He found a good job.

   e) Raymond was very angry with me / I was late for our meeting.

   f) He was given a promotion / He worked hard and efficiently for many years

   g) Marta behaved very bad yesterday. Her mother punished her.

2.- Complete the sentences by using The Past Perfect Tense

1. Example: " Ben couldn't write the letter because _____   *he had lost his pen*.

2. Jane missed the train because _____

3. He couldn't pay the electricity bill because _____

4. She failed her exam because _____

5. She was sad because _____

6. His hands were dirty because _____

7. He was wet because _____

8.They were hungry because _____since morning.

9. He had a stomach ache because _____

10. They were tired because _____

11. He had a black eye because _____

12. Jennifer got sunburnt because _____   for over five hours.

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