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Grammar: Past perfect simple

- ▶ We use the past perfect simple to describe events that happened before the main events in the past.
- ▶ Form: Had+ Past Participle (P.P) **positive**

▶ Had + Not + P.P

Negative

I **had** just **finished** my lunch when the doorbell rang.

I **had heard** so much about the film before I saw it.

I **hadn't thought** properly about what a hero was before I saw that film.

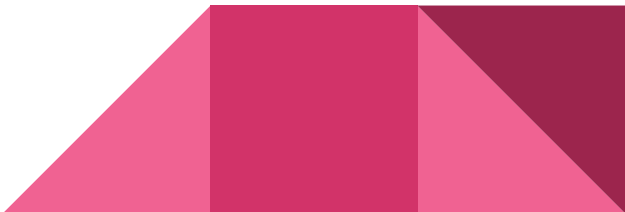
Had you **eaten** anything before you went to the theatre?

Signal Words

already, just, never, not yet, once, until that day (with reference to the past, not the present)

Exceptions in Spelling when Adding <i>ed</i>	Example
after final <i>e</i> , only add <i>d</i>	love – loved
final consonant after a short, stressed vowel or <i>l</i> as final consonant after a vowel is doubled	admit – admitted travel – travelled
final <i>y</i> after a consonant becomes <i>i</i>	hurry – hurried

Irregular verb

- speak - spoken
 - catch - caught
 - eat - eaten
 - understand - understood
 - begin - begun
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Exercise

- When they came home, Sue (**cook**) dinner already.
- We could not send you a postcard because we (**forget**) our address book.
- He (**not / play**) tennis before that day.
- His mother was angry because he (**not / help**) her with the shopping.
- (**you / finish**) your homework yesterday afternoon?
- (**why / you / clean**) the bathroom before you bathed the dog?



Grammar : Articles

- ▶ We using the definite article (**The**):
 - With Invention and species of animal: **the** gun, **the** giant panda
 - With national groups: **the** British, **the** Ancient Greeks
 - With particular nouns (unique) when we know which one we're talking about OR it is the only one: **the** sun,
 - can you turn off **the** light, please?
 - With superlatives: Russia is **the** biggest country.
 - With previously mentioned nouns: Would you like an apple or a banana? **The** banana is very ripe.

- We use the definite article (**The**):
 - With names of places which are plural: **the** Netherlands, **the** Himalayas
 - With name of countries with states, Kingdom or republic: **the** united kingdom, **the** United States, **the** Republic of China
 - With river, oceans, seas : **the** Mediterranean sea, **the** Pacific
 - To specify which one we mean: What did you do with **the** book I lent you?

- We use the indefinite article (**a/an**):
 - With jobs : **a** teacher, **an** engineer
 - With singular countable nouns(mention for the first time or when it doesn't matter which one):
 - I would like **an** apple,
 - **an** amazing circus,
 - we stayed at **a** very nice hotel in Barcelona.



- We use no article (**the zero article**):
 - With most streets, villages, towns, cities, countries, lakes, mountains : **Oxford Street**, **Iraq**, **Mount Fuji**
 - When we make generalizations with plural nouns:
 - **Cats** make very good pets
 - When we make generalizations with uncountable nouns:
 - **Coffee** is very expensive in this country.
 - When we make generalizations with abstract nouns:
 - **Accommodation** is difficult to find

Thank You

