Past perfect simple

Had: mirar hacia atrás desde el pasado

Primero nos situamos en un momento pasado. Para contar lo que había ocurrido antes, usamos had + participio: había comido, habían salido. Had no cambia con la persona: I, you, he, she, it, we y they llevan had. El participio ya está escrito en estas frases. No basta con que algo sea pasado: aquí lo miramos desde otro momento pasado.

Ejemplo resuelto

When I arrived, the train ____ already left. → When I arrived, the train had already left.

Cuando llegué, el tren ya se había ido.

Completa con had, sin contraerlo, para señalar lo que había ocurrido antes.

01. The teacher smiled because everyone _____ handed in their work.

02. He wasn't hungry because he _____ eaten a big breakfast.

03. The shop was empty when we arrived. Everyone _____ gone home.

04. The door was locked. The last visitor _____ closed it.

05. By the time the bus arrived, we _____ waited for an hour.

06. By Monday, the class _____ finished the science project.

07. They found that the storm _____ damaged the roof.

08. Our team celebrated because we _____ won the final.

09. The kids found the cookies that Mom _____ baked before lunch.

10. The baby woke up after she _____ slept for three hours.

11. The floor was wet because someone _____ spilled a glass of water.

12. I couldn't open the door because I _____ lost my key.

13. Tom returned the book that he _____ borrowed the week before.

14. Dad knew the road because he _____ driven along it before.

15. The garden looked different. Our neighbors _____ planted new trees.

16. I felt better after I _____ spoken to the nurse.

17. We ate the soup that Dad _____ made that morning.

18. By the end of the trip, they _____ visited four cities.

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Continuación: ejercicios 21-40. Completa con had, sin contraerlo, para señalar lo que había ocurrido antes.

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22. He was tired because he _____ worked a double shift.

23. I thanked Sam for the help he _____ given me earlier.

24. The dog was asleep because it _____ played outside all morning.

25. I understood the game because my sister _____ explained the rules.

26. She couldn't call us because her phone _____ run out of power.

27. We found the money that we _____ hidden in the drawer.

28. The children were hungry because they _____ skipped lunch.

29. We were cold because we _____ left our jackets at home.

30. The cake tasted good. Anna _____ used fresh oranges.

31. I wore the sweater that Grandma _____ knitted for my birthday.

32. I recognized the song because I _____ heard it on the radio.

33. Sara showed us the photos she _____ taken on vacation.

34. By six o'clock, the workers _____ repaired the bridge.

35. I was ready for the test because I _____ studied the whole chapter.

36. By the time we sat down, the waiter _____ brought our drinks.

37. The train was gone when we arrived. It _____ left five minutes earlier.

38. The guests liked the flowers that Mia _____ chosen for the table.

39. We enjoyed the play because we _____ read the story at school.

40. We couldn't buy seats together because most people _____ booked early.

Soluciones

Frases con el hueco completado. La respuesta aparece en negrita.

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