



PAST PERFECT TENSE

WORKSHEET ANSWER KEY

1. Fill in the spaces with the correct affirmative forms of the verbs in brackets in the past perfect simple tense.

- 1) Tonya (work) **had worked** as a decorator before she opened her shop.
- 2) My daughter and I (enjoy) **had enjoyed** the ballet so much that we wanted to see it again.
- 3) The power supply (fail) **had failed** during the night, so the house got cold.
- 4) You (call) **had called** earlier in the day, so we knew you were on your way.
- 5) The cat (scratch) **had scratched** a hole in the sofa before its owner noticed.

2. Fill in the gaps with the correct negative forms on the verbs in brackets in the past perfect.

- 1) We (not, stand) **hadn't stood** in the rain long before the gates were opened.
- 2) Russ and Becca (not, have) **hadn't had** much experience with building before they started their house.
- 3) Ivan (not, take) **hadn't taken** a coat with him; now the temperature was dropping fast.
- 4) Carl (not, sleep) **hadn't slept** long enough when his mother woke him up.
- 5) The mechanic (not, fix) **hadn't fixed** the engine yet when we called him last Saturday.

3. Transform these affirmative sentences into questions.

- 1) Melissa had sold all the tickets for the concert before 10 pm.
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- 2) Edward had forgiven Elise.
Had Edward forgiven Elise?
- 3) The company had considered moving its plant to Madrid before May.
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- 4) Lucia had thought about returning to her home in Costa Rica before she found a job in New York.

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4. Circle the correct verb form in each sentence: past simple or past perfect simple?

1) Simon **played** / **had played** the piano for ages when he **gave** / **had given** his first concert.

2) I **didn't know** / **hadn't known** the answer because I **missed** / **had missed** the lesson.

3) We **arrived** / **had arrived** ten minutes late, but they **already left** / **had already left**.

4) She **missed** / **had missed** the plane because her alarm clock **didn't go off** / **hadn't gone off**.

5) I **knew** / **had known** that I **met** / **had met** her before, but I couldn't remember where.